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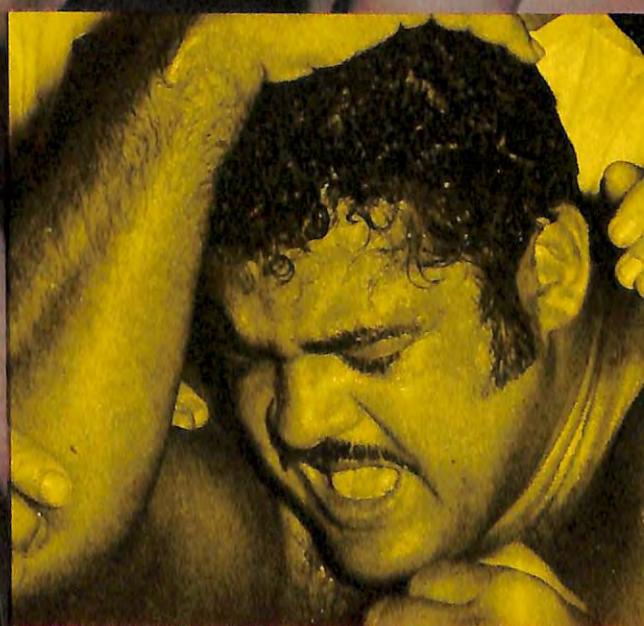
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# AN EXPERT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT MUSCLES

Our files show that thousands of readers like yourself want to build bulging muscles and achieve real physical power like their favorite athletic champions. How to go about it? We decided to ask an expert, Dave Prowse, 3-times British Weightlifting champion and leading fitness expert. Here are his answers.

**Q. What does it take to build muscles?**

**A.** Basically, it takes exercise. Almost any exercise will help to develop at least some of your muscles if you keep at it long enough and hard enough.

**Q. Isn't there an easier way?**

**A.** Yes. There is one outstandingly effective training method that is also fast and easy—the one I use and recommend—the new Bullworker system.

**Q. What's that?**

**A.** The Bullworker is a revolutionary new muscle-building exerciser based on Isometrics, the science that increases strength up to four times faster than conventional methods. In my opinion, it's the most advanced training system in the world today. Many leading athletes use it: World-famous Heavyweight Boxer Muhammad Ali, World Heavyweight Judo Champion Wim Ruska, and Cycling Champion Eddy Merckx, to name only a few.

**Q. How long does Bullworker training take?**

Jack Barclay,  
junior Mr. Europe  
shows the kind of  
results he achieved  
with Isometric  
Bullworker training.



**A.** Bullworker provides absolutely the fastest kind of exercise possible. In fact, an introduction training program takes only 70 seconds a day. No other system—weightlifting, pulleys, or strenuous calisthenics—can give you results so quickly and easily. On the contrary, many old-fashioned methods take hours of sweaty, boring work each day...and it's often months before you begin to see improvements. Busy professional athletes and champions don't have time for that. Nobody does.

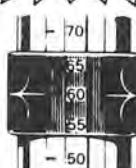
**Q. How long does it take before you begin getting results?**

**A.** With the Bullworker, you can actually begin to see and measure the positive results right from the very first day! Thanks to a built-in measuring device called the Powermeter. After every exercise you just check the reading to see exactly how much your strength has increased from the day before. There's no guesswork involved. Isometric Bullworker training can increase your power at the amazing rate of up to 4% per week! That means a 50% increase in strength in the first three months alone. And I've known many young men who have gone on to double and even triple their strength.

**Q. What do those figures mean in visual terms?**

**A.** They mean that in as little as 14 days you can actually begin to see muscle growth in a mirror and verify it with a tape measure. Every week thereafter brings ever faster growth.

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**Q. But to get such impressive results, don't you have to work very hard?**

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Dave Prowse, 3-time British Weightlifting champion, demonstrates a super-effective 7-second exercise for building powerful biceps...using the new Bullworker with built-in powermeter.



**Q. Can Bullworker training even develop bodies which are weak and skinny, or fat and flabby?**

**A.** Definitely! It's been proven by thousands of men of every shape, size and age all over the world. Bullworker training helps transform weak, thin arms into rippling, muscular pillars of strength, build broad, powerful shoulders, turn flat, shallow chests into deep, manly ones, forge loose stomach flab into steel-hard, well-defined muscle...build that "V" shape of a real athlete, develop sturdy, contoured thighs and calves....And all this in record time!

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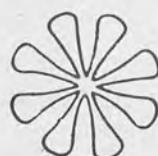
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# An Important Message To Every Man And Woman In America Losing His Or Her Hair

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By Bill Apter

FRED BLASSIE'S Americas' Championship is being held by the N.W.A. pending Fred's return match with Dutch Savage. Savage has been protesting that he was unjustly disqualified in their previous bout and that the belt rightfully belongs to him. The disqualification took place after the referee had stopped the match when Blassie was too cut up to continue. Even though Savage had won he kept slugging away at Fred as the popular veteran tried to leave the ring. So the referee reversed his decision and disqualified Savage, thus giving the match to Blassie.

After the match, Savage told our reporter, "The referee changed the decision because he was afraid Blassie's fans would jump him. I won and I deserve to be the Americas' Champion. Wait'll next time. I'll pulverize Blassie!"



Dutch Savage (left) is complaining that he was unjustly disqualified in his recent match with Fred Blassie, in which Freddie's American crown was riding on the line. "The referee declared me the winner and new champion," fumed Dutch, "but then he changed his decision because he was afraid Blassie's fans would jump him!"

Bulldog Brower and Pedro Morales are at it again. During a recent match in New York a fan shoved a can of dog food into Bulldog's face. Brower grabbed the can away from the fan and used it to split open Pedro's head. But Pedro was able to get it away from Brower and smash it into Brower's mouth. Now Brower was dripping with blood. As the blood subsided from Morales' head wound, the blood kept pouring out of Brower, so the referee stopped the match and awarded it to Pedro. The fans went wild with joy and some of Pedro's countrymen carried a Puerto Rican flag into the ring. That was a big mistake. Brower picked the flag up and drove the sharp end of the poll into Pedro's stomach. The referee pulled the flag out of Brower's hand and ordered him out of the ring. Covered with blood, Bulldog worked his way

through the angry crowd to the dressing room where our reporter was waiting to interview them both. But as soon as they saw each other, the battle flared anew. Brower threw a chair at Pedro and missed hitting him by a fraction of an inch. Pedro started to go after Brower but was restrained by Gorilla Monsoon and Tony Marino.



Bulldog Brower (above) who vows to destroy Pedro Morales.

After order was finally restored, a bloody Brower told our reporter, "I don't care where I wrestle him—in a parking lot or in an alley—I'm gonna destroy him! Me, Bulldog Brower, is the real heavyweight champion! I'm gonna get you, Morales!"

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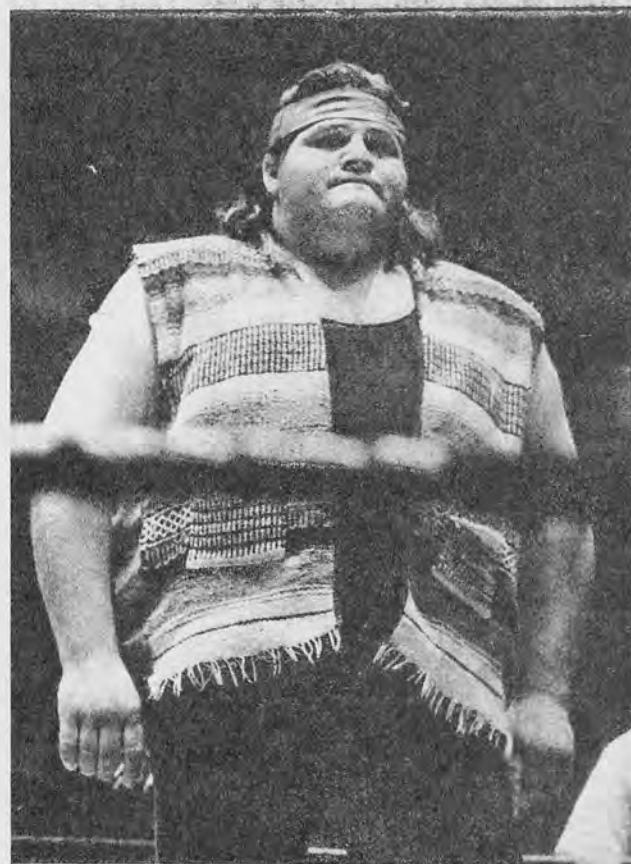
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Massive Bull Ramos (left) who scored one of the major upsets in recent years when his huge arm was raised in victory after his match in Los Angeles with the sensational Mil Mascaras. Our spies report that Mil is determined to give Ramos the beating of his life.

Mascaras in Los Angeles. Mil missed Ramos with one of his flying bodyblocks and was knocked unconscious. Ramos simply fell on top of Mil and pinned him.

Ray Stevens and Pat Patterson are continuing their feud. Every one of their matches is a bloodbath and fans feel that some day one of them is going to get killed... The Grand Wizard, manager of Blackjack Mulligan and Beautiful Bobby, is certain that no one can break out of Bobby's *Figure-Four Bobby Lock*. The Wizard has gone so far as to offer a bundle of money to anybody who can break it... J.C. Dykes wants to bring his masked Infernos into New York but the State Athletic Commission is standing in his way. The commission doesn't permit masked wrestlers in New York rings.

Dory Funk Sr. insists he's king of the Texas Death Matches. "I've won over 200 death matches in my career," Funk boasts. "I like death matches because I don't



Tarzan Tyler (above) was forced to allow a barber to shave his head after Florida battle with Jack Brisco.

have to stick to the rules. If the goin' gets real rough in a death match I just imagine my opponent is Jack or Jerry Brisco and that makes me punch even harder!"

In a recent match with Jack Brisco, Tarzan Tyler lost his Florida State title and was forced to have his head shaved in the middle of the ring. We tried to get a picture of Tyler with his new short locks but Boris Malenko, Tyler's buddy, wouldn't permit it. Some fans who got a look at Tyler racing to the dressing room said, "Tyler looks much better with



Dory Funk, Sr. (above) insists he's king of Texas Death Matches. "I've won over 200," says Funk.

long hair. It's too easy to see how little brains he has with his head shaved!"

Who do the experts pick in a dream match between N.W.A. champ Dory Funk Jr. and W.W.W.F. champ Pedro Morales? Here are some opinions:

JIM DALTON: "Dory Jr. would kill him!"

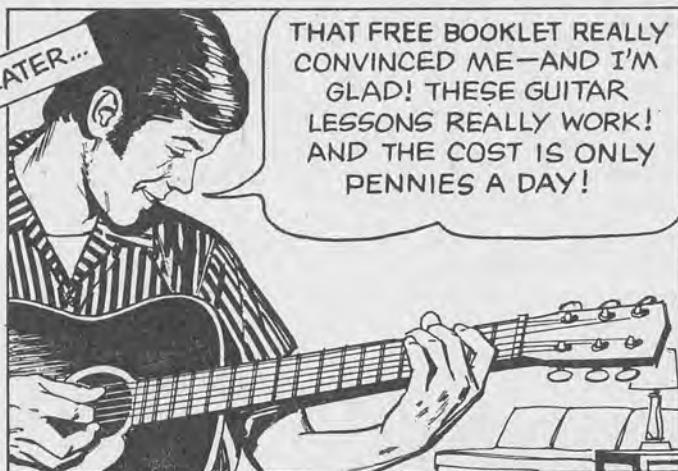
LOUIE TILLET: "They're both great athletes and fabulous wrestlers. It's too hard for me to pick a winner."

WILLIE GILZENBERG (President of the W.W.W.F.): "Funk's a good wrestler but he doesn't have the body, the speed or the skill of Morales. I feel Pedro would beat him."

SAM MUCHNICK (President of the N.W.A.): "I haven't seen Morales wrestle in quite some

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## FLORIDA REPORT

By Bruce Owens, Mark Ettaro, Lyn and Maurice Melvin

ONCE AGAIN TERRY Funk had to come to the aid of brother Dory after the champion's head was split open by Rene Goulet. Dory was given the decision over the Frenchman after they'd sluggered it out in a wild match that lasted 45 minutes. When the referee tried to hand Funk his gold belt, Goulet snatched it from the official's hands and then used it as a club on Dory's head. Goulet kept pounding away until the champion fell flat on his face, covered with his own blood. At this point, Terry Funk, who was watching from ring-side, charged into the ring and went after Goulet. The Frenchman fled from the ring as fast as his legs could carry him. He ran to the dressing room and locked himself in. Terry helped his bloody brother back to his feet and then to the dressing room where a doctor was waiting to sew up the champion's

Jose Lothario, who is without doubt one of the world's most adored wrestlers, was recently engaged in a brutal match with Russian wildman Boris Malenko. But all you thousands of Lothario fans relax—it was Malenko who came out second best. After it was all over, the gracious Jose commented: "You have to understand guys like Malenko. You have to make allowances for them."

wounds.

Still another wild battle took place when popular Jose Lothario met Russian wildman Boris Malenko in a bitter grudge match.

A few days before the match, Lothario was being interviewed on TV when out of nowhere stormed Malenko. The Russian grabbed the microphone out of the hands of the surprised announcer and beat the unsuspecting Lothario over the head with it until he was unconscious. Jose had to be carried to the dressing room on a stretcher. Still in charge of the microphone, Malenko yelled, "That guy thinks he's great. Well, I just showed you how great he is. A few weeks ago I destroyed his little brother and now I've destroyed him. He could never beat the great Boris Maximilianovitch Malenko!"

At Lothario's insistence, he was given a match with Malenko—and he beat the daylights out of Boris!

A couple of masked wrestlers who call themselves *Mr. Fort Myers* and *The Challenger* had it out in a brutal match that saw *The Challenger* lose his mask. All through the bout *Mr. Fort Myers* kept twisting *The Challenger's* mask so he couldn't see what was going on. *The Challenger* got so disgusted he tore off his mask and revealed Ron Ful-



ler! Now bareheaded, Fuller attacked *Mr. Fort Myers* viciously. When the referee tried to restrain the former *Challenger*, he was slugged and thrown out of the ring. This resulted in the immediate disqualification of Fuller. But this didn't stop Ron. He just kept slugging away. When other wrestlers rushed into the ring to try and control Ron they were met by Fuller's fists and promptly flattened. It took a special police force to drag Fuller out of the ring and into the dressing room. Because of his actions, Fuller has been temporarily suspended in the state of Florida.

At Jacksonville: Tarzan Tyler and Boris Malenko were disqualified in their battle with Jack Brisco and Cyclone Negro. Rene Goulet edged Hiro Matsuda. The Infernos lost by disqualification to Danny Miller and Jose Lothario. Rene Goulet stopped Louie Tillet, and young Bob Roop came out on top in a handicap match against the Dalton Brothers.

In Miami: Sherri Lee upset Ann Casey. Terry Funk dumped Rene Goulet, and in a special six man tag team match Dick Murdoch, Boris Malenko and Hans Mortier downed Jack Brisco, Jose Lothario and Dale Lewis.

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French ace Rene Goulet, who came within a hair of capturing Dory Funk's title in torrid battle.



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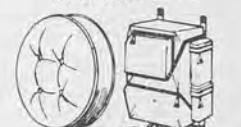


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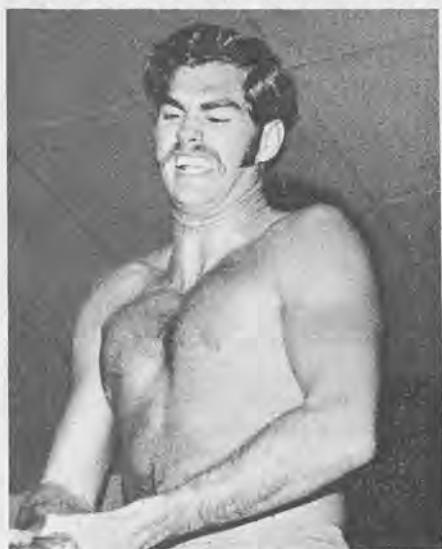
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# FAN CLUB CORNER

**W**E'RE SORRY TO report that the BRUNO SAM-MARTINO fan club has disbanded. Mike Medugno and Georgiann Orsi, who ran the club so successfully, would like to thank all Bruno's fans for their support all through the years. We think Mike and Georgiann deserve a special championship belt for the fantastic job they've done.

We just received word from Wayne Lebo, president of the JACK BRISCO FIGURE FOUR FAN CLUB, that the club is growing in membership every day. Even Mrs. Brisco has been lending her support to the organization. To join, drop a line to Wayne at 1825 Duttonia Road, Miami Beach, Florida, 33141.

During a recent trip to Florida we were pleased to meet Rita Golden, who has started a club for popular RON FULLER. Members receive a membership card and an exciting quarterly bulletin. You can contact Rita at 17131 N.W. 34th Avenue, Opaloca, Florida, 33054. Rita also handles



Towering Ron Fuller—if you like his style, why not join his new club? Details are on this page.

the ARGENTINA APOLLO fan club.

We just received a letter from Joe Nuss and Howard Rosenberg telling us their TONY "DINO" MARINO Fan Club is goin' great. The club's bulletin is sent out monthly. You can receive further information by writing The Tony Marino fan club, 104-16 109th Street, Richmond Hill, New York, 11419. Get in touch. It'll be well worth it.

Mr. Popular is the name of the bulletin put out by the DANNY MILLER fan club. The president of this one is Lee Rabatie and Lee would love to hear from any fans interested in joining. Write to Lee at 102 West 7th Street, Hialeah, Florida, 33010. Speaking of Dannys, there's another great club with the moniker "Make Room for Danny." This one honors World's Junior Heavyweight Champ, DANNY HODGE. The club is run by Opal Mae Ronspiez and she'll send you all the details if you drop her a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The address: Post Office Box 103, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, 73750.

Joe Combs just sent word that he's got a signed permission slip from LOUIE TILLET to start a fan club in his honor. Joe informs us that members receive a bi-monthly bulletin called "The Main Event." Members also get an autographed picture of Louie and a membership card. Sounds good. Look into this one.

Hey, EDOUARD CARPENTER fans! There's a great club for Ed started by Rosie Macumber. Members receive an 8x10 and wallet-size photo of Ed, a fact sheet, membership card and a newsletter. The club's address is 221 Jasper Drive, Security, Colorado, 80911. You'll do your own backflips when you join this club.



The ever-popular Ed Carpentier. Rosie Macumber is president of his great, swinging club. You'll do backflips if you join up.

Here are some clubs we don't have too much information on, so we suggest you write them direct for details:

The GREAT SCOTT Fan Club. Presidents are Cheryl & Chuck Babcock, 4513 Junius, Dallas, Texas 75246.

The DANNY LITTLE BEAR Club. President, Wayne Fisher, 1135 East College Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.

The MARIO MILANO Fan Club, Annette Alberto, President, 37 Apollo Street, Brooklyn, New York 11222.

The International RAY STEVENS Fan Club, Joe Pottgieser Jr., President, 3463 Ravendale Court, San Jose, California 95111.

That's it for this month. Be sure you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope when writing to a club for information. If you'd like to have your own club listed in this column, send complete details to: Fan Club Editor, Box 58, Rockville Centre, New York 11571.

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# YOUR LETTERS

## BRISCO BOYS TEAMED UP?

In reference to the article, "Why the Brisco Brothers Won't Team Up" (The Wrestler/April '71), I'd like to inform you that Jack and Jerry have joined forces and that they currently hold the Florida Tag Team Championship. How about giving us a story about the newest and most sensational team in the world—Jack and Jerry Brisco?

DAVID IRA RUTMAN  
North Miami Beach, Florida

## FUNK JR. IS THE ONLY CHAMPION!

I've just finished reading the May '71 issue of Inside Wrestling and the cover of the magazine really got me mad. It stated that Pedro Morales had just become Champion of the World. Now how could Morales win the title if he's never even met Dory Funk Jr.? Wise up and print a retraction stating that Dory Jr. is the one and only champion!

RALPH ORTEZ  
Tampa, Florida

## PEDRO'S CHAMP IN HIS BOOK

You have no idea how thrilled I was when I saw all the great coverage you gave the new world champ, Pedro Morales, in the May issues of both Inside Wrestling and The Wrestler. Unlike Dory Funk Jr., Pedro has wrestled all over the United States and Europe proving what a great wrestler he is. If Funk thinks he's so hot why doesn't he come to New York and meet Pedro. I'm sure Morales would meet Funk in his own territory if Dory will only stop running.

ALEX MANDEL  
White Plains, New York

## NEW YORK'S FAD CATCHES ON

After reading your recent article on Apart-

ment Wrestling (The Wrestler, May/71), my girlfriend and I decided to try it out. We put ads in the local paper and were absolutely shocked when a crowd of 100 or more people showed up. We've had to discontinue it temporarily because the downstairs neighbor complained about the noise. At present we're looking for a new apartment and hope to resume our matches shortly. Thanks a million for opening up a whole new world for us.

SUSAN CONRAD  
New York, New York

## ANOTHER BLASSIE BOOSTER

I was very glad to see that Fred Blassie was man enough to sound off when you guys accused him of losing to Buddy Colt. I saw that match in Atlanta and Fred was his old lovable self. He really gave Colt the business. The thing that bugs me though is that I've been reading that Blassie has turned softie and that he's actually keeping company with guys such as Ray Mendoza and Suni War Cloud. This is impossible. In my opinion Fred Blassie is still the greatest villain in the world. I don't believe a word of this good guy stuff.

BRUCE CONNERS  
Atlanta, Georgia

## PROTEST FROM GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE

Bruno Sammartino didn't lose his title to Yvan Koloff on January 18th, 1971—he lost it on January 15th—to me, George Steele! I gave him the beating of his life and then they refused to give me the title. Well, all I can say is that I am the true champion. I beat Sammartino before Koloff beat him, so they'd better turn the belt over to me—quick!

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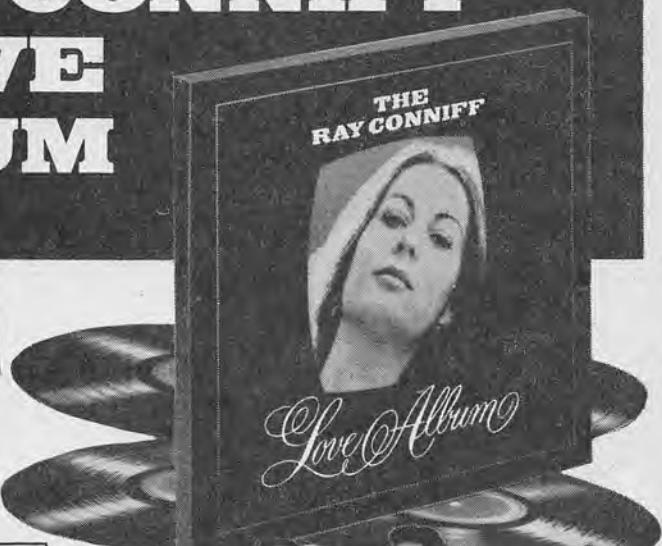
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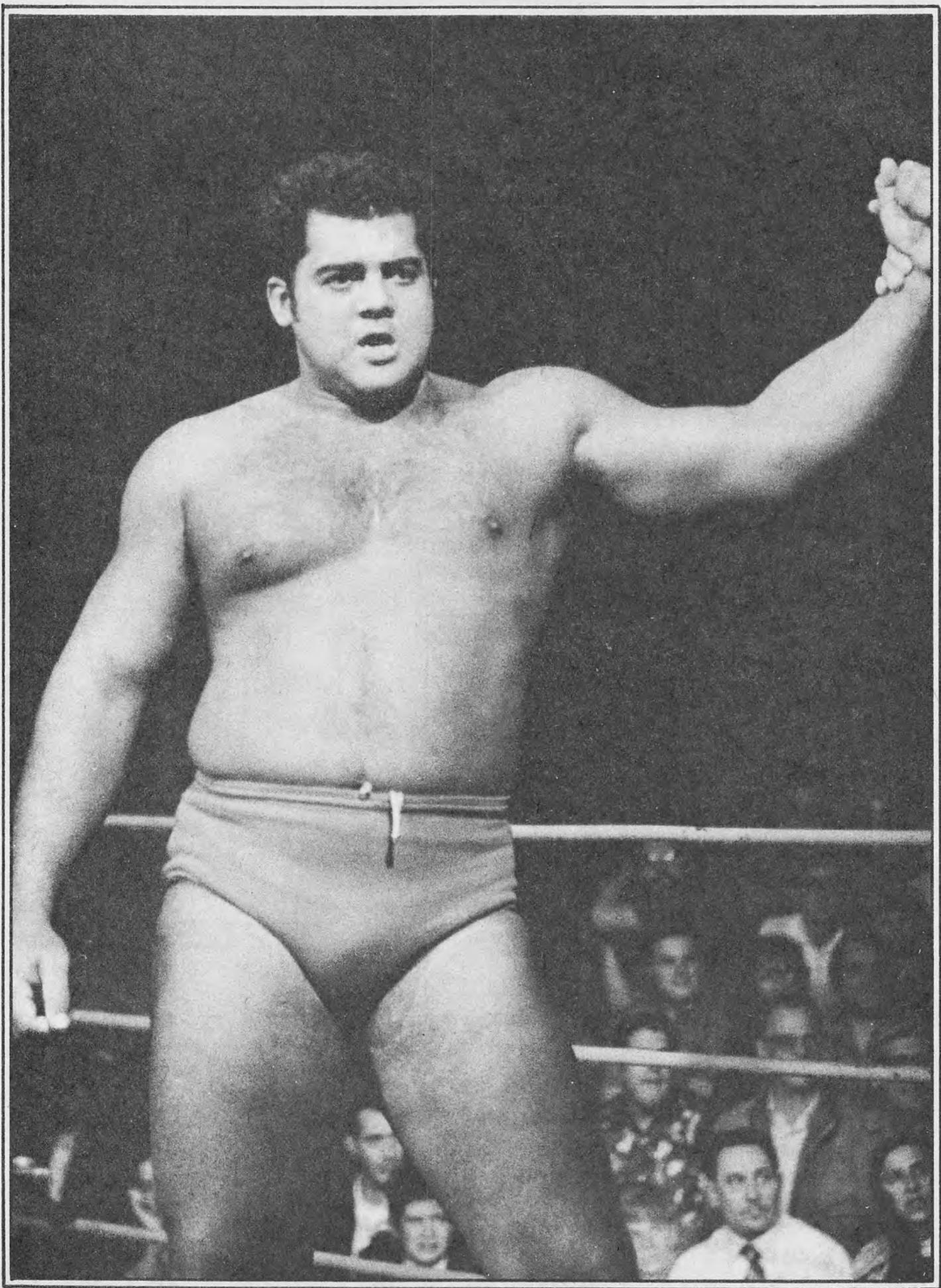
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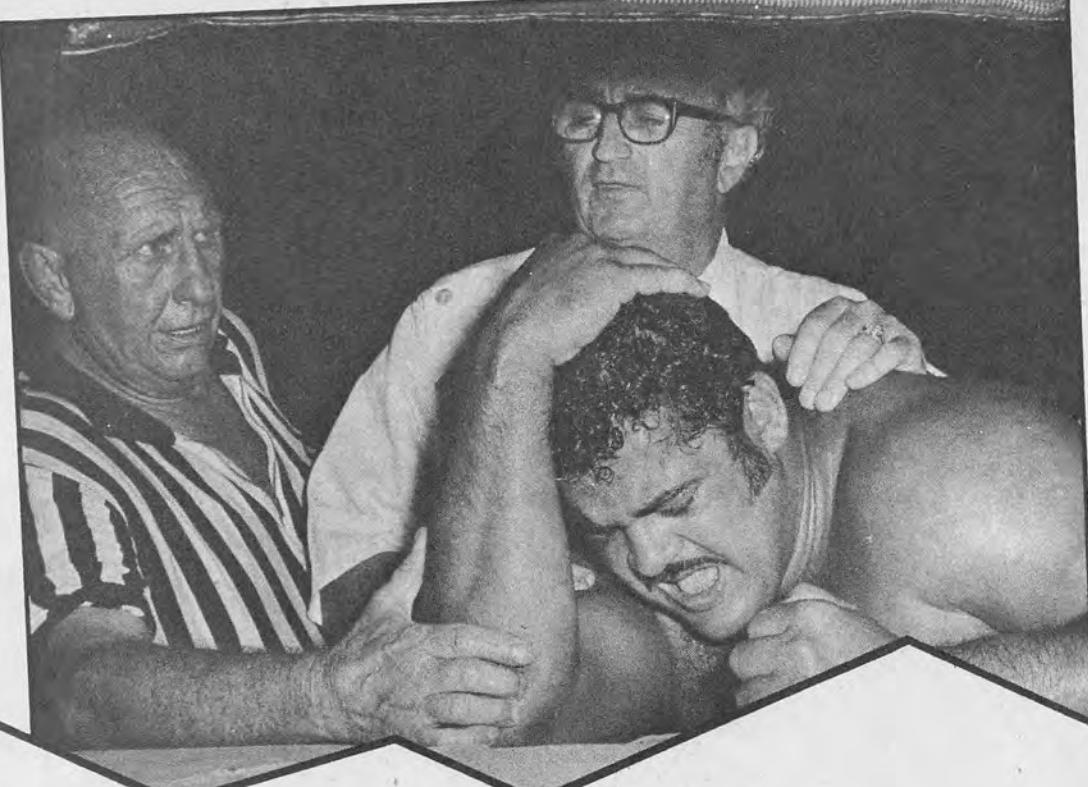
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Officials gather around Morales as he pounds the canvas, a combination of anguish and frustration, between falls of an unusually savage match. Some experienced mat-watchers claim the champion is very high-strung and overly sensitive.

The life of a champion is no bed of roses—as Bruno Sammartino knows and Pedro Morales is quickly finding out. The schedule is much harder, the opponents are much tougher, and the responsibility to fans and promoters is much bigger. So far, Pedro has weathered the storm. But people are wondering . . .

## HOW LONG WILL MORALES KEEP HIS TITLE?

The sight of Pedro with his arm raised in victory has become a familiar one in and around New York—just the way it was when the idolized Bruno Sammartino held the championship.

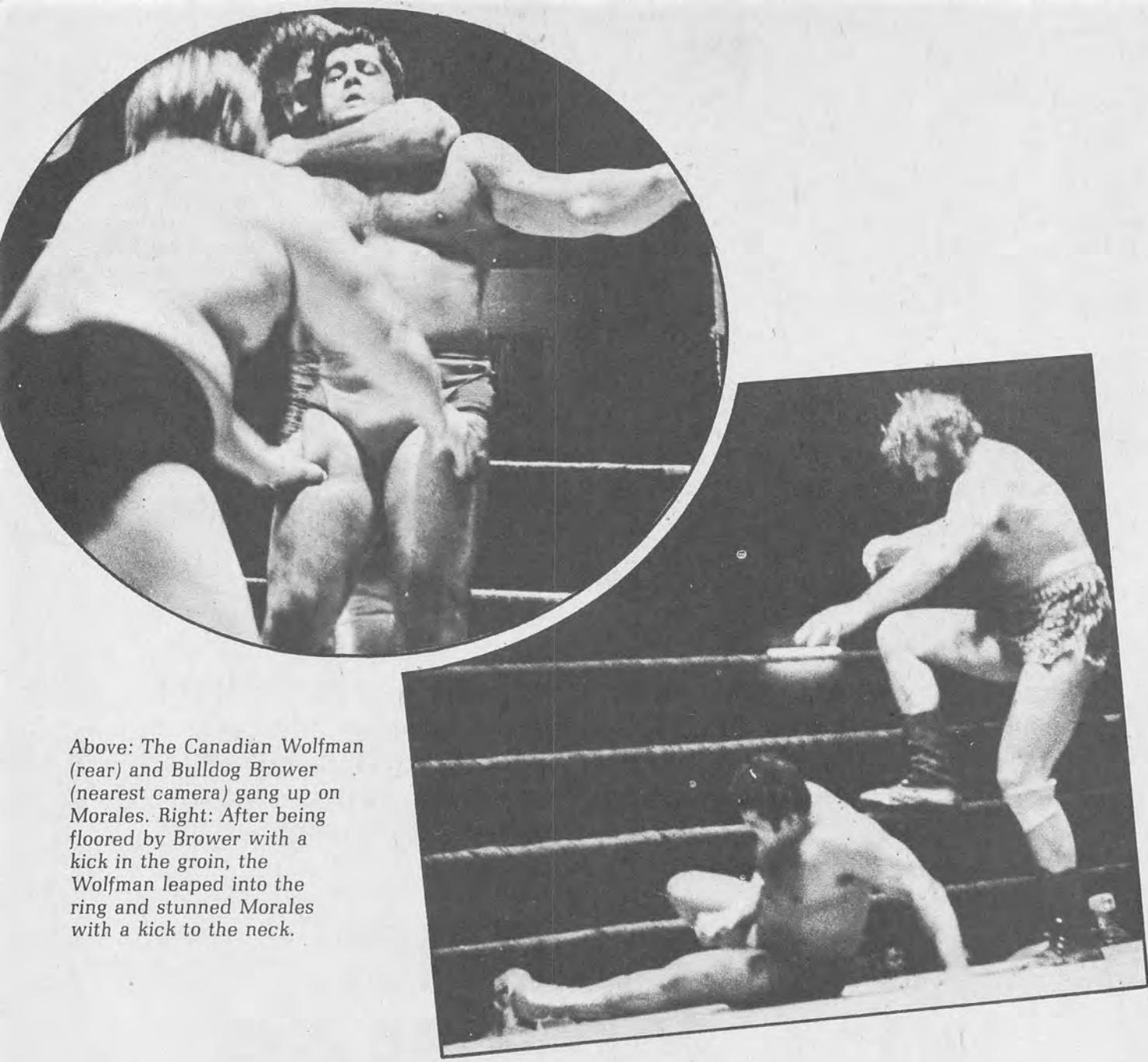
BRUNO SAMMARTINO HELD the world's heavyweight championship belt for eight years before losing it. The valuable adornment is now in the possession of popular Pedro Morales. How long can he hold it?

"That's a very difficult question," Pedro admits. "There are so many things about being champion I never realized before. I am very proud of

the honor, but I am facing new pressures."

Among those pressures, naturally, is an increased schedule. As champion, Pedro is a very valuable attraction. And if promoters had their way, he'd be on the card every night.

"Before I was the champ I could take off a week or two if I wanted," he said. "I could fly down to Puerto



Above: The Canadian Wolfman (rear) and Bulldog Brower (nearest camera) gang up on Morales. Right: After being floored by Brower with a kick in the groin, the Wolfman leaped into the ring and stunned Morales with a kick to the neck.

Rico and relax. If I wrestled four times a week it was a lot. Now I have to turn down bookings and I hate to do that. But if I accepted every offer from every promoter there wouldn't be enough days in the week. And that's just in the east. Promoters all over the country want me. I've been wrestling as much as five times a week. It's tiring, let me tell you. But it's part of the responsibilities that goes with being champion."

It is often said that being champion means you have to be a big drawing card. Do you think you can continue to be one?

"I don't see why not," Pedro replied. "In my match with Ivan Kofflof, when I won the title, we broke

the Madison Square Garden attendance record. And we broke that record a few weeks after when I wrestled Blackjack Mulligan. I realize that promoters need big crowds. They lay out a lot of money to book a show into the Garden and other big arenas. Since people come out to see the champion, a champion must be a strong drawing card. So far I've been very lucky. The people are coming out to see me wherever I wrestle. And that's another thing that makes it harder. When people spend their hard-earned dollars to see the champ he can't let them down. I can't ever take it easy. It isn't fair to the people. That's one of the things Bruno emphasized when he told me what it's

like to be champion. 'Whether you win or lose,' he said, 'always do your best. There will be some people in the audience who are able to watch you for only that one night in a whole year. They may be poor people who saved to buy that ticket bit by bit. You cannot disappoint them.' Bruno was right."

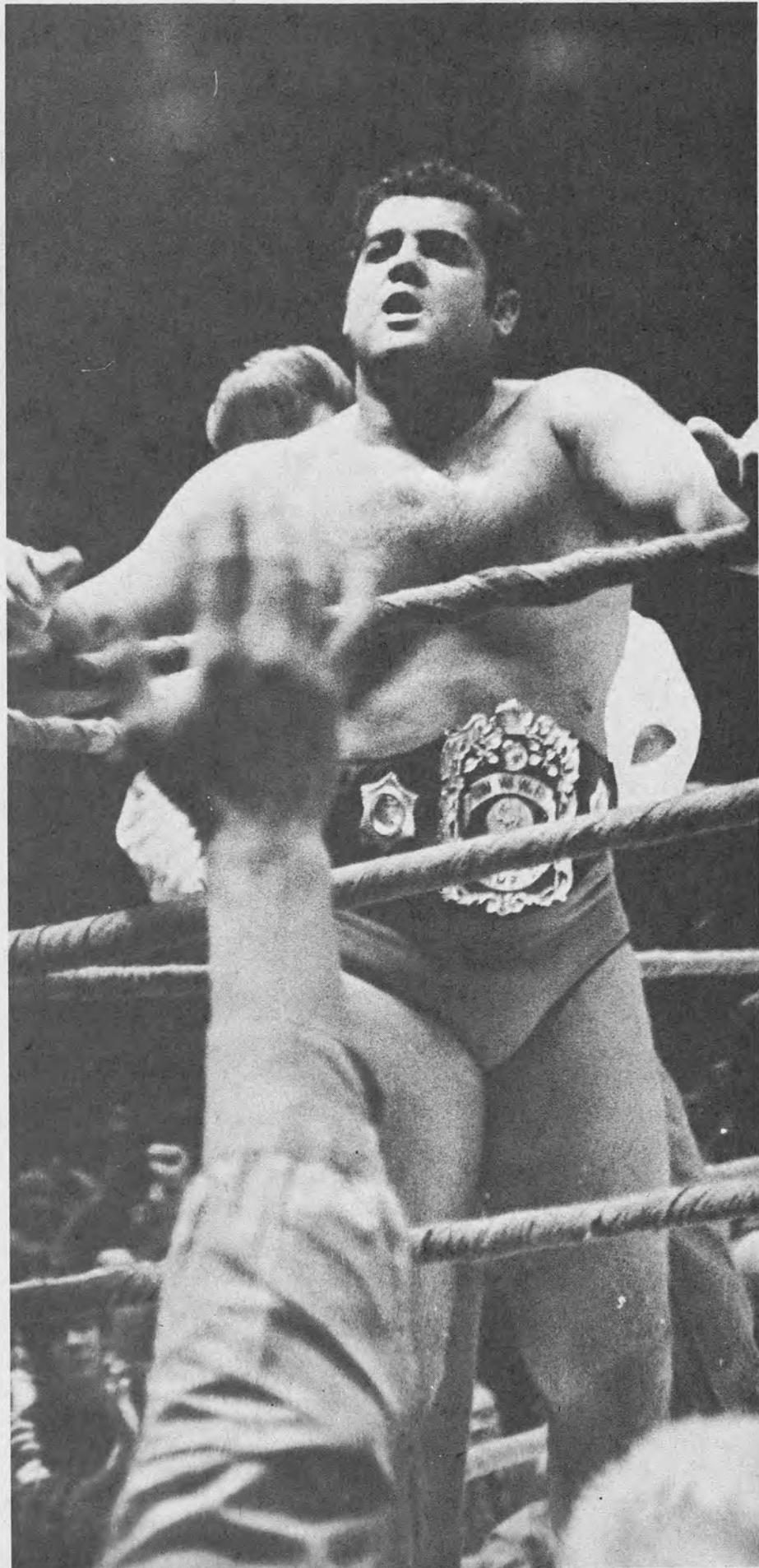
Morales was lucky that Sammartino was able to warn him about the pressures that go with being champion. But still, Morales is being confronted with situations he simply never dreamed about before.

"The one thing I've learned from all this so far is that I never really understood or appreciated Bruno be-

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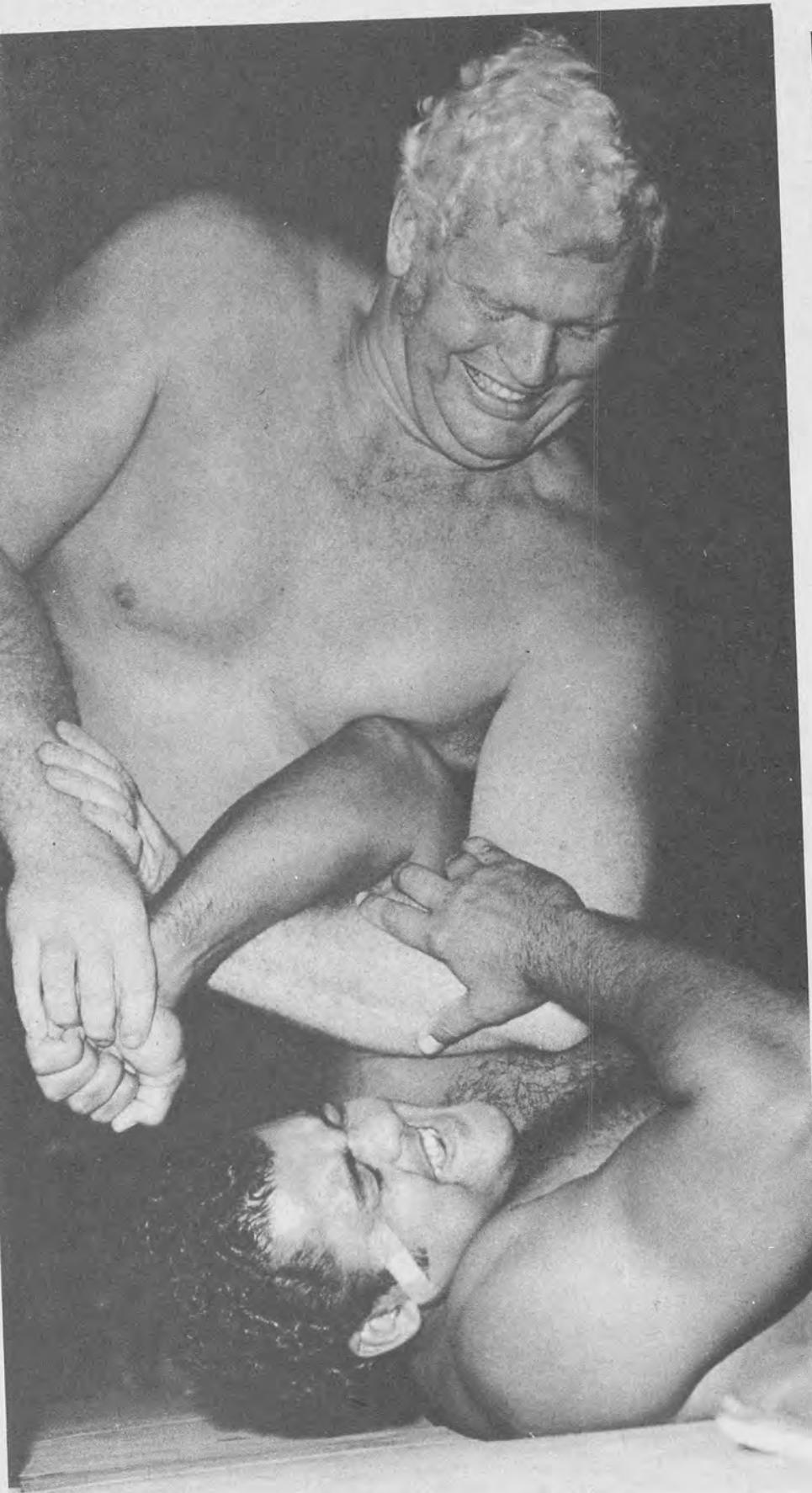


Monsterous Ivan Koloff picks up Morales as if he was a rag doll and prepares to ram him against the ringpost. But Pedro roared back to flatten Koloff and win the title. The historic match took place in New York on Feb. 8, 1971. Right: Exhausted but thrilled beyond words, Pedro acknowledges the cheers as former champion Bruno Sammartino adjusts the championship belt around his waist.



## HOW LONG WILL PEDRO KEEP HIS TITLE?

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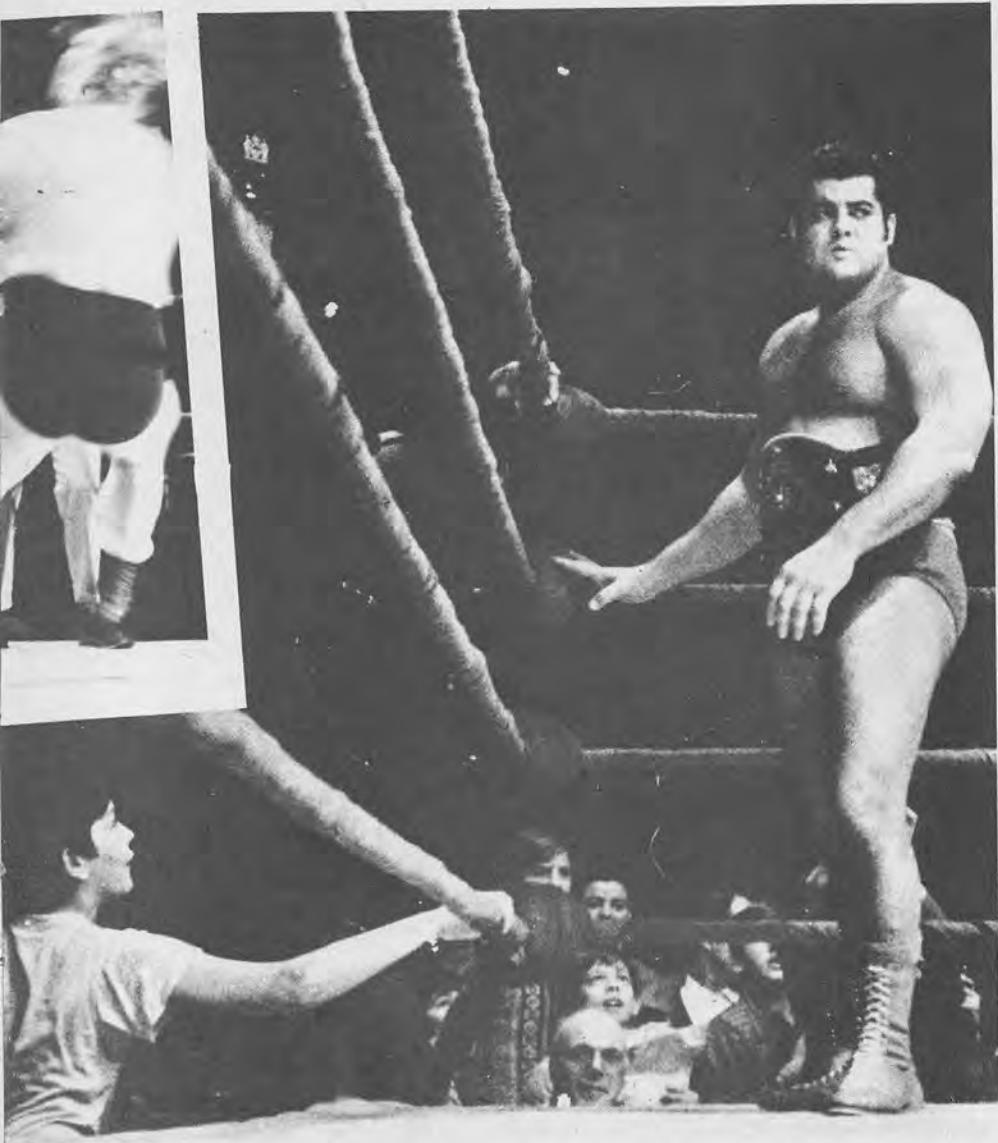
Left: Powerful German tough guy Karl Heissinger tortures Morales with an armlock. This was Pedro's final match in California before he returned to the East Coast where he won the title. Above: His arms moving so fast they look like pin-wheels, Morales is about to send Bulldog Brower crashing to the floor. Right: Champion Morales, his gold belt secured around his waist, steps into ring for another defense of his crown.

fore. Only when you're the champ can you understand what a champ goes through. Every night is a life-or-death-match. There are no more easy opponents. Each time you are wrestling a top contender who wants that belt more than anything else in the world.

"Another thing is that my opponents seem to be getting bigger all the time. Mulligan is 6-7 and weighs 315 pounds. That's a lot of man to handle. For a man of my size, and I'm no small guy, wrestling these giants night after night takes a lot out of you."

Fortunately, Morales has always kept himself in top shape. But with the increased schedule he simply isn't able to visit the gym as often as he used to. Is it hurting him?

"It is a strain," he admits. "Being constantly on the go and wrestling



only the top men has got to be more difficult. But even though I do not get as much time to workout as I used to I don't think it will hurt me. Instead of training I have that many more matches. And believe me, real bouts are better for keeping in shape than gym workouts. But it is definitely more tiring. Sometimes I'm so exhausted I can hardly lift my head off the pillow in the morning. More matches also means there is less time for my wounds to heal—for bruises to mend and for aches and pains to go away. When you're champion how do you explain to a promoter or the people that you'd rather cancel out of a match because your shoulder is stiff and sore from the night before. You can't. That's part of your responsibility. In the match Bruno lost his title to Koloff he was wrestling with an injury. A few nights before he seri-

ously injured his shoulder when he was thrown out of a ring in Pittsburgh. But when 20,000 people buy tickets to see you wrestle you don't call off the bout just because you've been hurt."

So far Pedro has managed to handle all the pressures. He has filled as many commitments as is humanly possible. He has willingly met all opponents promoters have thrown at him. He hasn't really had a day off since he won the title. He is setting record attendance figures wherever he wrestles. He has kept himself in top condition. He has pleased the fans who have paid to watch him. But he is still awed by what Sammartino was able to do.

"Eight years!" Pedro exclaimed. "He went through this for eight long years. That sounds impossible. Eight

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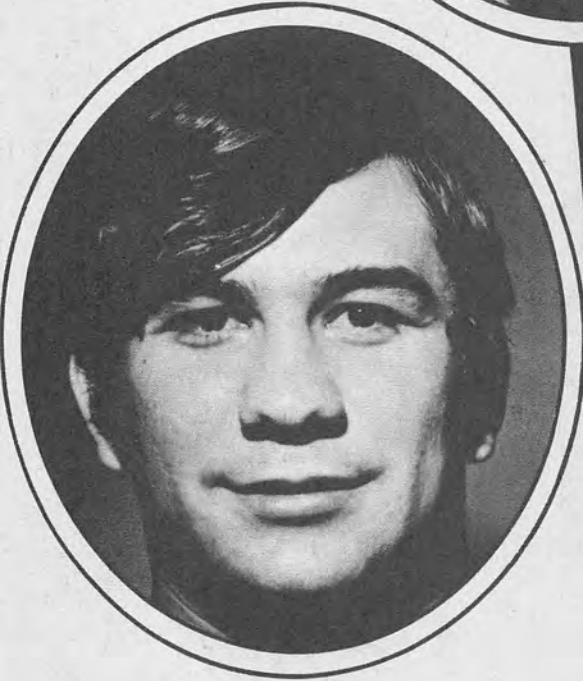
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# Wrestling's BRISCOS

The extremely popular Brisco brothers, Jack (right) and Jerry (below). Says Jack: "This thing is going to get out of hand . . ."



**T**HE FUNKS ARE nothing but a family of chicken-hearted cowards! Don't ever turn your back on them because you're liable to get a knife stuck in it!"

Those are not the words, as you might expect, of someone like the Sheik or Von Raschke. They were spoken by Jack Brisco.

"The Brisco brothers are a bunch of crybabies and if we ever catch up with them their blood will flow like water!"

And those, oddly enough, are the words Dory Funk Jr. used to sum up his family's feelings about Jerry and Jack Brisco.

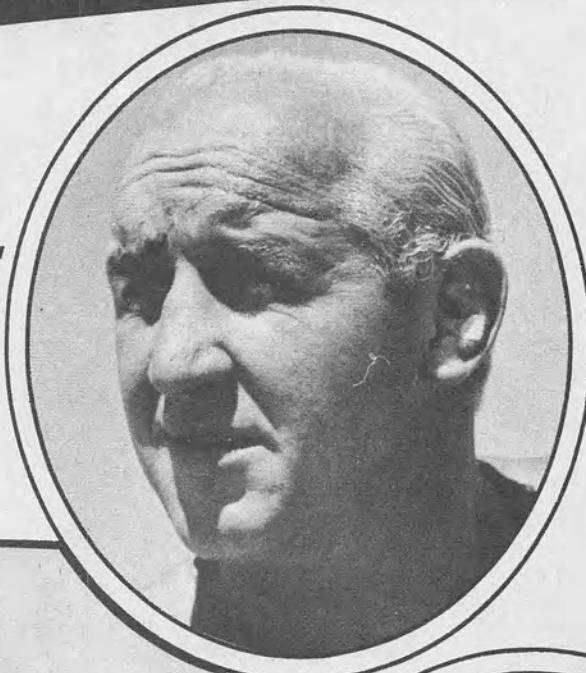
This family feud—more like a war  
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# Most Blazing Feud— VS. THE FUNKS

**The two wrestling families  
were once fast friends  
—but then, without warning,  
it exploded into a feud  
that puts the Hatfields  
and McCoys to shame.**

**Here's why ...**



The famous wrestling Funk family: Pappa Dory, Sr. (top), Terry, the youngest (above) and Dory, Jr., the world champion (left). Opposite page: Jack Brisco waves Dory, Jr. over his head like a flag before heaving the champ out of the ring at Charlotte, N.C. The torrid bout went to a draw, thus allowing Funk to retain his title.

# WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO MARLENE PARKER

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***The Tiniest  
Bombshell  
You Ever  
Saw***



Marlene and her husband, who was a top star in his own right a few years ago (he wrestled as Zivko Kovacic), enjoy a rough house workout in the small gym they set up in their Chicago home. From the way she talked, we would not be surprised to see marvelous Marlene back in action.

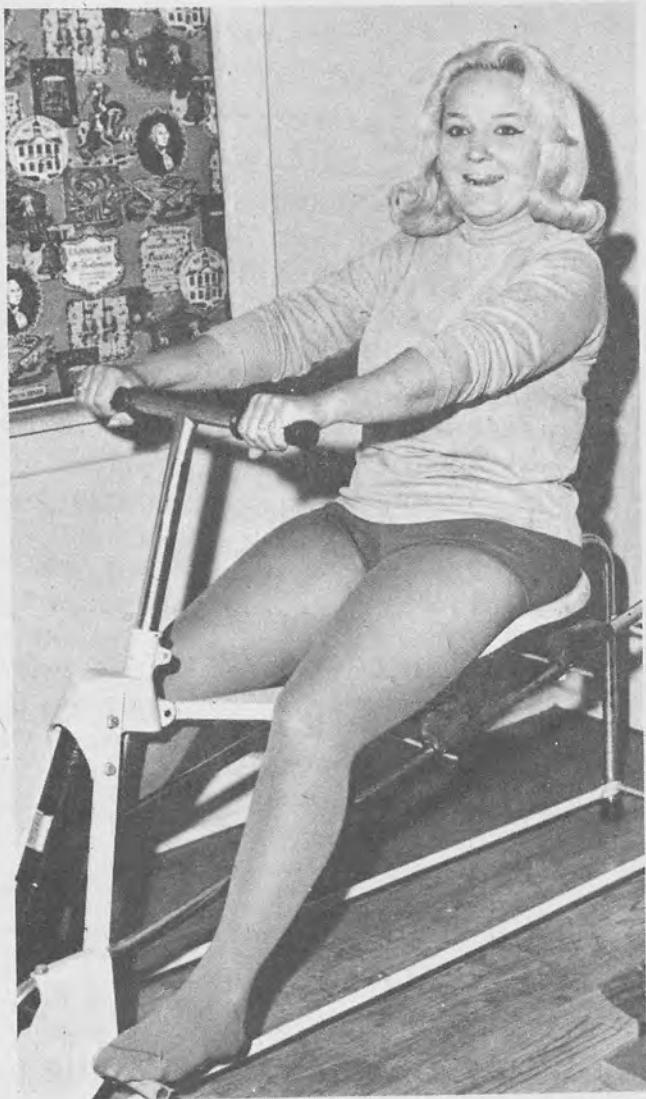
**Although just a bit over five feet tall, beautiful Marlene was one of wrestling's biggest attractions. Then, for some unknown reason, she suddenly dropped out of the spotlight. Her army of fans wanted to know why. Here's the inside story...**

**T**HE SCENE: a New York television studio. The show: a popular quiz program in which three panelists question three contestants—all claiming to be the same person. Their job: to unmask the two imposters.

The spotlight flashed on the first girl, a small, attractive redhead wearing wrestling tights. "I'm Marlene Parker," she said.

When the bright spot centered around the two others, both claimed to be "Marlene Parker." Both were also small and very pretty. One wore a flattering mini. The other, a blue-eyed honey blonde, was holding a guitar.

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Athletic women like Marlene never lose pride in their bodies. Even after they retire from competition they continue to exercise, watch what they eat and, most important, they never feel—or look—old.

We received a bulging package in the mail the other day from our old pal Bobby Shane, and the letter enclosed inside the package explained why:

"I just returned from a wonderful tour of the Orient," Bobby wrote. "I had some very exciting—and very weird—experiences, and I just thought your readers might be interested to learn about them. We had some real good American wrestlers along with us—Miss Sherri and me—and I think the Japanese fans enjoyed us all. I hope the enclosed pictures will enable your army of readers to share in some of our experiences. Tell them, if you will, that I wish we could have taken all of them along with us. They would have had a ball, just as we did."

# THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOBBY SHANE

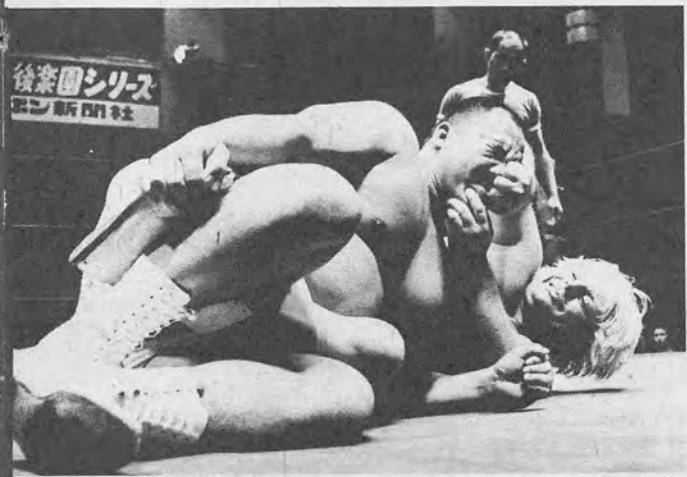
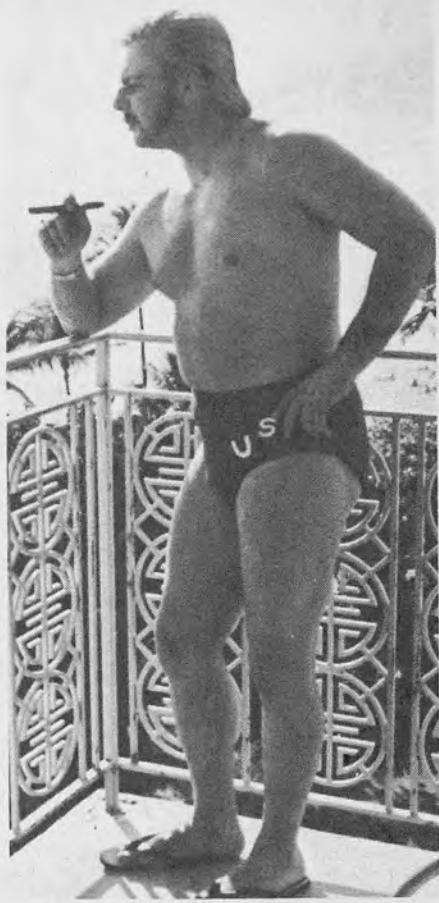
Seeing the world is one of the big advantages of being a professional wrestler—just as it has always been one of the strongest incentives for a young man to join the Navy. Here's a behind-the-scenes look at how one of wrestling's top stars mixes business with pleasure . . .



Members of the group that toured the Orient with Shane were greeted with bouquets of flowers upon their arrival in Tokyo. Left to right: Bob Ramstad, Shane, Doug (The Pro) Gilbert, Spyros Arion, Mil Mascaras, Earl Maynard and Bob Duranton. The group received probably the warmest welcome of any group of touring American wrestlers.

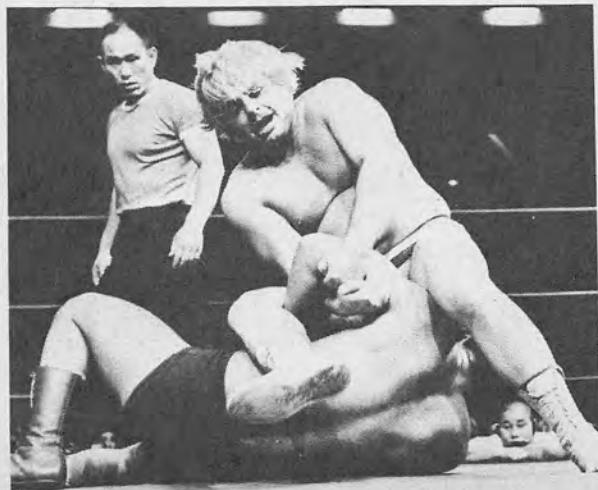


Shane and his lovely valet, Miss Sherri. He holds trophy he won in a special Japanese tournament. But Japanese fans evidently didn't flip over Bobby's robe, so they chipped in and bought him this one (right).



"During our stopover in Hawaii," Shane wrote, "I had a hotel room with a big balcony that looked out on the blue Pacific ocean. What a view. What a place to relax and meditate. What peace. I had most of my meals served on the balcony, and when I was finished eating, I usually lit the biggest cigar I could buy. Honest, I felt like Howard Hughes . . ."

Shane drew rounds of cheers from the most critical Japanese fans for his superb technique. The reverse short-arm scissors he has on 380-pound Japanese power-house Mr. Sumo (right) won him the match. Even when Bobby had to yank Mr. Sumo's nose to make him break a hold, the crowd cheered for Shane.





"If I look like I put on a little weight in this picture I can't argue. I did put on some pounds—especially in Japan where the food is probably better than anyplace in the whole world. I just ate and enjoyed myself. The way I figured, I could always take off the weight."



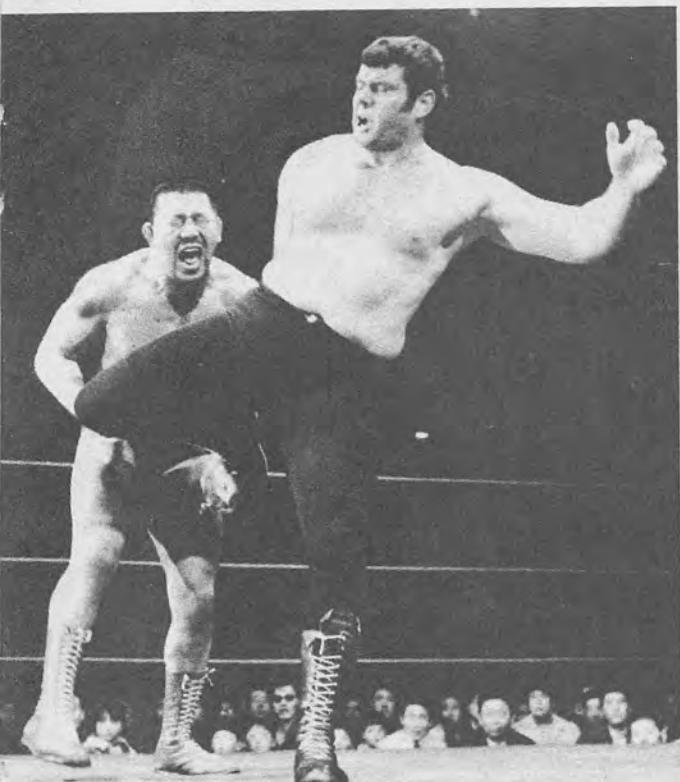
Mississippi state tag team champions Jim and Terry Gavin (above) were also part of the group that made the Far Eastern tour with Shane. The Japanese had never seen anything like them before.

Shane (left) and Doug "The Pro" Gilbert ham it up in a Tokyo gymnasium. "Everywhere we went," wrote Bobby, "there were people pointing cameras at us. I'll bet there are more cameras in Japan than people. When this kid in the gym asked us to pose, I said to Gilbert, 'Let's give the kid a real picture.' I think we did."



The gorgeous Miss Sherri, dressed in what resembled a "Bunny" costume, quickly became just as big a favorite with the Japanese people as any of the touring American matmen. And Shane never entered the ring without Sherri by his side. The pictures (right and left) were taken at Osaka, Japan, a city which impressed Bobby so much he says, "I'd like to live there about three months out of the year."





Spyros Arion showed the Japanese a few tricks like this—kicking an opponent in the face while his (Arion's) back is turned. Arion, the great Greek star who was such a popular favorite in and around New York not long ago, impressed Oriental mat fans with his strength and skill.



Earl Maynard, with facelock on his Japanese opponent (right), is one of the best built wrestlers in the world, and the Japanese fans, who really appreciate outstanding physical specimens, seemed awed when Earl stepped into the ring and flexed his great muscles.



Bobby Duranton (right) delivers a teeth-shattering elbow smash to his Japanese foe during hectic Tokyo bout which Duranton won in 23:56 with a reverse body roll. Bobby's problem on the tour was trying to keep his temper against those Japanese tough guys.



# THE CITY THAT'S OUT TO MURDER THE SHEIK!

WHEN YOU THINK of sports in Toronto, Canada, you naturally think of ice hockey; Canada's national pastime. But there is one man who can attract more people to Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto's historic sports palace and home of the Toronto Maple Leafs, than any team of puck passers. That man is the despised Sheik, who also happens to be one of the world's leading professional wrestlers. And to prove it, more than 52,000 irate Torontonians turned out for a recent series of bouts between the Sheik and Hindu favorite, Tiger Jeet Singh.

There is no city on earth that harbors so much ill feeling towards an athlete as Toronto does towards the Sheik. Is all that bitterness justified?

"It sure as hell is!" fumed one veteran Toronto mat fan. "That Sheik is an animal! Why, he's ruined more of our boys than anything else. They ought to throw him into jail and bury the key! They'd be doing mankind a big service."

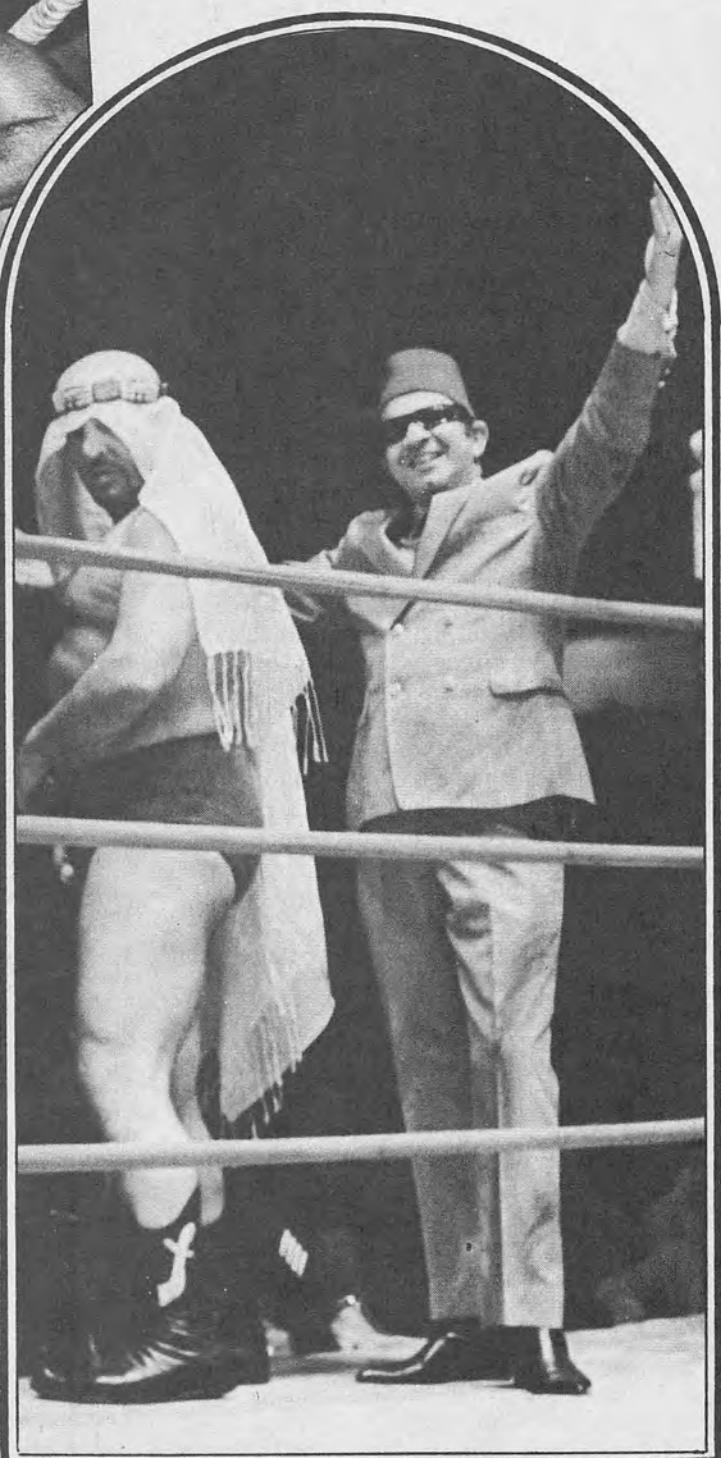
Abdullah Farouk, who speaks for and manages the Sheik, is at a loss to explain the bitterness which exists between his Arabian terror and the good people of Toronto. Says Farouk: "Sure, people climb all over the Sheik no matter where he wrestles. They hate his guts because



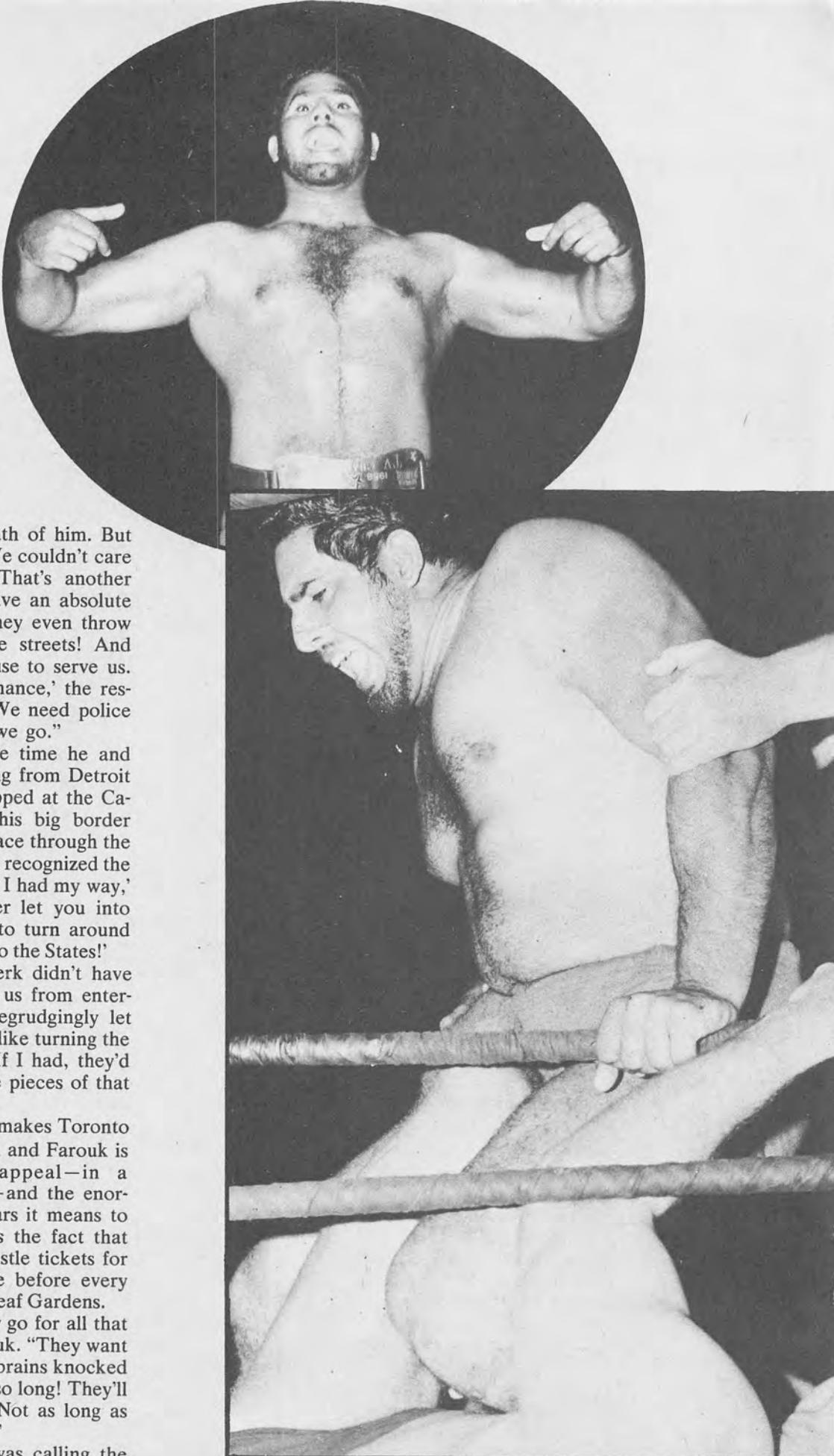
**We hate The Sheik as much as you do. But we think it's a damned shame when he has to take on not only his opponent, but the whole darned town, too!**



His face bathed in his own blood, The Sheik stares blankly at our photographer in dressing room after bout with Jeet Singh. Above: The thing that really enrages a crowd is when The Sheik starts chewing his opponent's face. Right: Manager Abdullah Farouk, who is hated as much as the man he guides, greets tirade of boos by smiling and waving his hands.



Right: Jeet Singh acknowledges cheers by pounding his chest. Below: Singh works his opponent into the ropes, then brings his knee crashing down into victim's body.



they're scared to death of him. But that's okay with us. We couldn't care less. But Toronto? That's another thing. These jerks have an absolute mania about him. They even throw things at him on the streets! And some restaurants refuse to serve us. 'We can't take the chance,' the restaurant owners say. We need police protection wherever we go."

Farouk recalled the time he and the Sheik were driving from Detroit to Toronto. "We stopped at the Canadian border and this big border guard sticks his ugly face through the window of our car. He recognized the Sheik and sneered. 'If I had my way,' he growled, 'I'd never let you into Canada. I'd tell you to turn around and get the hell back to the States!'

"But that border jerk didn't have the authority to stop us from entering Canada so he begrudgingly let us pass. I swear, I felt like turning the Sheik loose on him. If I had, they'd still be picking up the pieces of that guard!"

The only thing that makes Toronto bearable for the Sheik and Farouk is their tremendous appeal—in a strange kind of way—and the enormous amount of dollars it means to them. Proof of this is the fact that scalpers can easily hustle tickets for twice their face value before every Sheik bout at Maple Leaf Gardens.

"We know why they go for all that dough," sneered Farouk. "They want to see my man get his brains knocked out. They should live so long! They'll never see it happen. Not as long as I'm calling the shots."

Farouk, as usual, was calling the



His two bruising battles with The Sheik made Singh, even though he wound up like this (above), a hero to Toronto mat fans. "You must give the man a lot of credit," said one veteran observer. "Singh showed not only a great deal of natural wrestling skill against the most difficult opponent in wrestling today, he also proved he has a heart as big as a lion."

shots during the Sheik's series of blood baths with Jeet Singh. The good people of Toronto will never forget the horrifying sight of the Sheik pulling something that looked like a sharp screwdriver out of his trunks and ramming it into Singh's face! And they'll never forget the gusher of blood that spewed down Singh's face from that unprecedented attack.

That happened during their first match—when it took no less than seven other wrestlers, who had been watching from the rear of the arena, to pry the Sheik and Singh apart and, without doubt, save Singh's life! It was that kind of an orgy.

One week later, the Sheik and Singh were back in Maple Leaf Gardens for a return match—this time in what was billed as a "Texas Death Match" (and we'll never know why it wasn't billed as a "Canadian Death Match"). But no matter, Maple Leaf Gardens was again filled to capacity with an angry crowd that hoped to see the Sheik ripped limb from limb.

They were terribly disappointed. What they saw instead was the Sheik looking like a mobile hardware store—he brought everything into the ring with him except a blow-torch! Poor Jeet Singh was even sprayed in the face with some irritating solution from an aerosol spray can. He was bitten, gouged, kicked and there was

even an attempt to castrate him! Yes, that's right. The Sheik dug a knife into Singh's trunks. It was absolutely ghastly. Women keeled over. Men shirked back in terror. What kind of an animal is this? He should be lynched!

Singh was so badly battered he looked like a steer that had escaped from the slaughterhouse with the job of killing half done. But the popular Indian star hung in there, giving a display of unequaled courage that had the crowd practically in tears. "This," they gasped, "is a man. A man of rare courage!"

Singh battled back. He actually got the upper hand mid-way in the savage match and had the Sheik on his back, begging for mercy. But each time the Hindu appeared ready to apply the finisher, he was met by some kind of metallic object that was jabbed into his face.

It went that way, back and forth, for more than half an hour, before the referee finally disqualified the Sheik (why he waited that long the good people of Toronto will never know). But it did set the stage for the third and, we hope, final match of the brutal series (wrestling couldn't possibly take another such series of bouts).

You couldn't buy a ticket for the final bout—not for less than \$100. And more than 50 threats were made



His back turned on his opponent, The Sheik snarls at jeering ringsiders and at the same time holds the pointed pencil in his hand like a switchblade.

on the Sheik's life in the one week preceding the finale. On the night of the big blow off, the largest crowd in the history of Toronto wrestling jam-packed every available inch of Maple Leaf Gardens.

Even veteran Toronto promoter Frank Tunney was astonished (and it takes a great deal to astonish the placid Mr. Tunney). "I've never seen anything like it in my whole life," Frank gasped. "Where did all these people come from?" Tunney paused and couldn't help glowing. "But I'm awfully glad to see them. This is a new attendance record."

Farouk, as usual, demanded and got police protection. It even took a special detail of officers to get the Sheik and Farouk from the dressing room into the ring without being ripped apart by the snarling crowd. And, when the Sheik attacked Jeet Singh before the opening bell rang and ripped off Jeet's jacket, Maple Leaf Gardens exploded in bedlam. But it didn't stop the Sheik. He beat a merciless two-fisted tattoo on every part of the Hindu's anatomy, raising ugly welts on his back and neck. A cut was opened under Singh's left eye and a kick on his right shoulder seemed to numb his entire arm.

Yelled one ringsider who had to be restrained from leaping into the ring: "Stop that animal! Stop him before it's too late! What's gonna happen when the bell rings?"

What was feared did happen after the bell rang. The Sheik went wild! Without the use of any legitimate hold—except an occasional headlock, which he quickly turned into an illegal choke hold—the ferocious Arab quickly had the dazed and bewildered Singh drowning in his own blood.

But the courageous Singh refused to quit and he tried to fight back as best he could. He did a good job of it—for a while, but the trouble was he picked the wrong target!

After one particularly savage Sheik assault, Singh, unable to see through his blood-clouded eyes, made a grab for what he thought was the Sheik. It wasn't. What Jeet had grabbed was referee Tiger Tasker, and he was clobbering the hell out of him. Then Singh locked the official in his famous cobra hold—one of the most painful weapons in wrestling. Tasker screamed out in agony just before he passed into unconsciousness.

While all this was going on, the Sheik, on Farouk's cunning orders,



just stood alone in a corner watching. Farouk's strategy was obvious: Why waste strength and risk disqualification when Singh was beating himself?

The strategy worked to perfection. Alternate referee Bunny Dunlop leaped to Tasker's rescue and ordered Singh to release his hold. But Singh, half out of his mind with a combination of rage and terror, didn't hear a word Dunlop said. He even increased the deadly pressure of his cobra hold.

Dunlop called for the police, who came running and finally pried Singh off the unconscious Tiger Tasker. Then Dunlop walked over to the Sheik and raised his hand in victory.

Note the difference in The Sheik's appearance before (above, with manager Abdullah Farouk) and after the match (left). Farouk was furious. "And they get on my man for cutting guys up. Look what they did to him!"

The crowd was outraged, but alternate referee Dunlop had no choice.

"What else could I do?" he would say later. "I certainly couldn't disqualify the Sheik. After all, he was just standing there in the corner watching."

With a grinning Farouk leading the way, the Sheik half walked, half ran back to the dressing room.

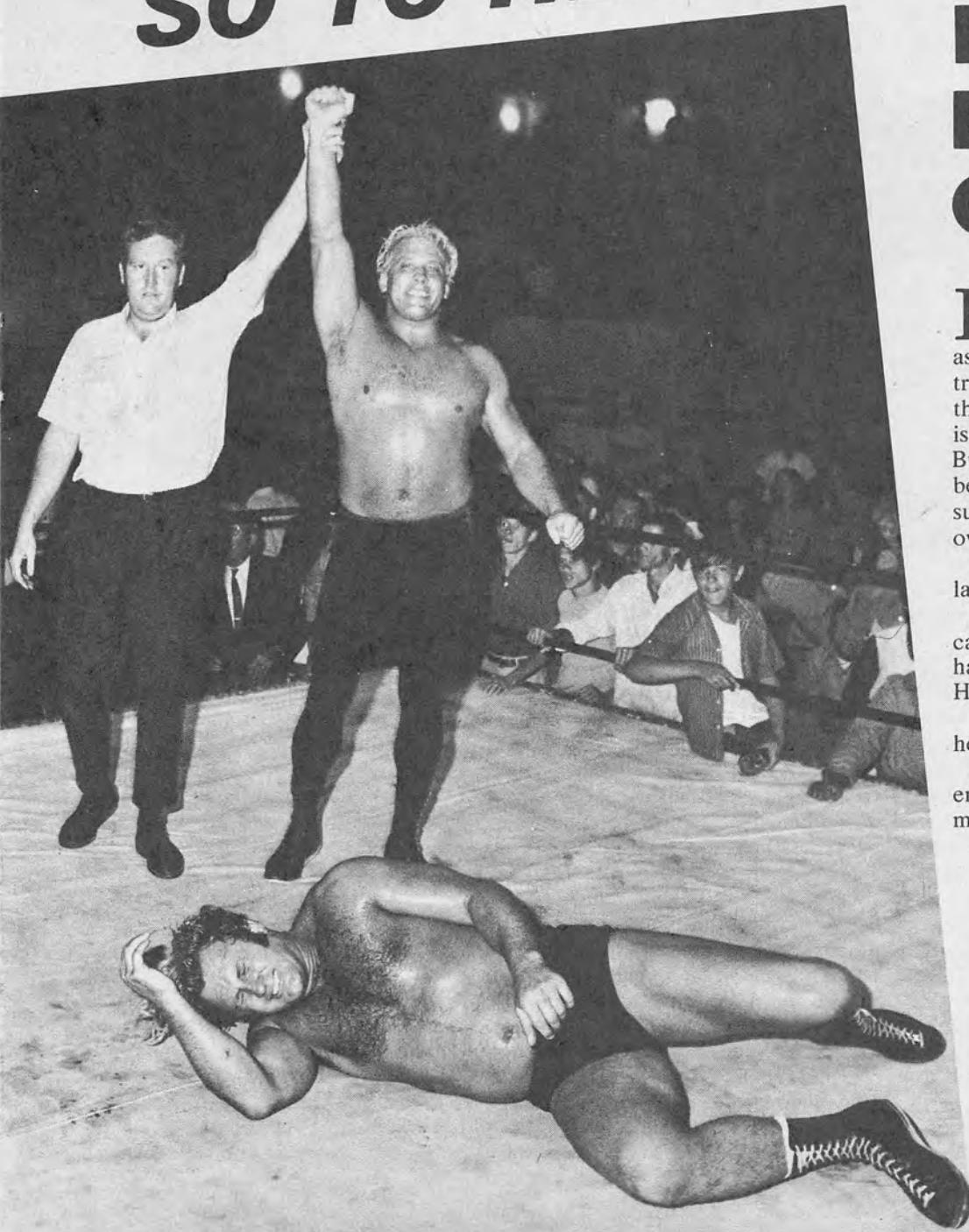
"Well, we did it again," crowed Farouk. "We came up here to Toronto again, where they hate our guts, and we won our 12th victory in a row. How's that for winning against the odds?"

About a half hour later, Farouk adjusted his blood-red fez atop his head, grinned like the cat that had just swallowed the canary, and headed for promoter Frank Tunney's office to pick up his check—the largest ever paid a visiting wrestler in Toronto. But the arrogant Farouk had a few more things to say about the good people of Toronto:

"They're really not all that bad, you know. They get a little excited when they see a great wrestler like the Sheik. Which is only natural. After all, they don't get a chance to see greatness very often..." □

**Buddy Colt tried doing the "right" thing. "Man did I try," he'll tell you. "I gave it all I had. And right from the heart! But it didn't work. In fact, it stunk! That's why I say . . . "**

# **"CLEAN WRESTLERS ARE A DIME A DOZEN! SO TO HELL WITH 'EM!"**



## **Roars Buddy Colt**

**F**EW WRESTLERS HAVE held as many championships, made as much money or done as much traveling as Buddy Colt. Of course the blond, Georgia State Champion isn't as well loved as he might be. But he really doesn't care. Buddy believes he has found the key to success—and he sums it up in his own words:

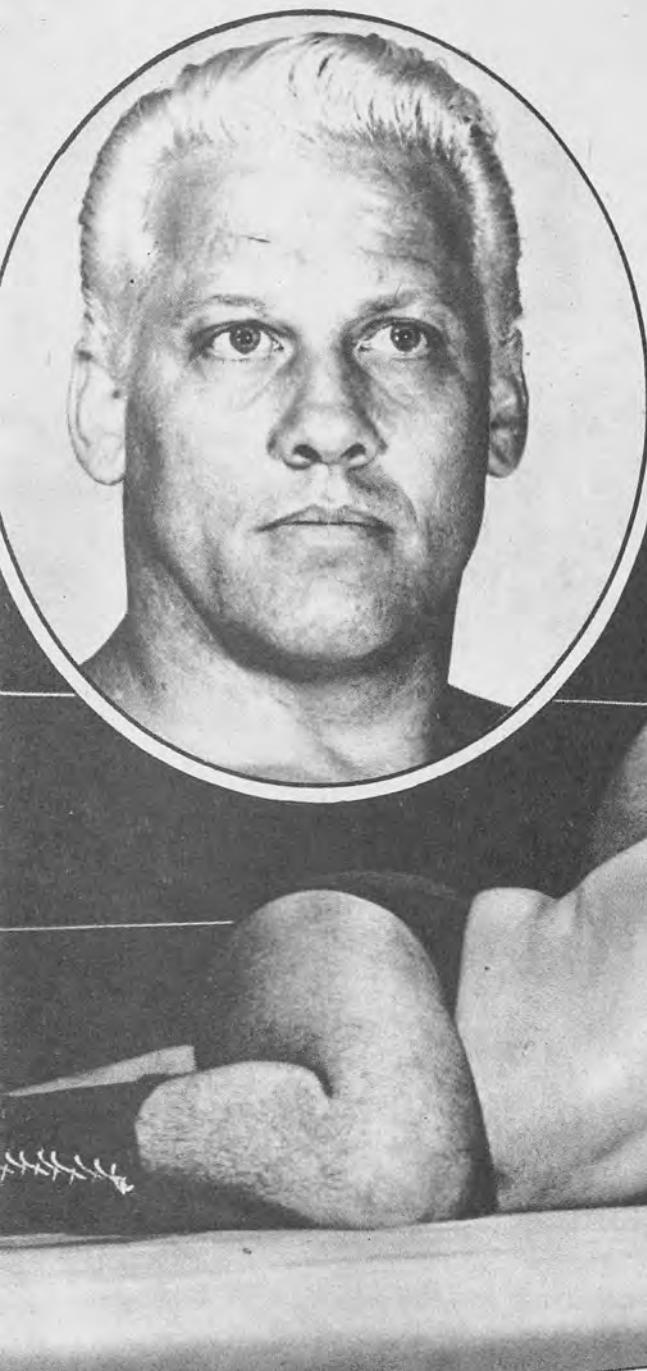
"It's more profitable to be a villain."

Colt, an ex-Marine, began his career as a clean wrestler. He even had fans asking him for autographs. He liked the cheers.

"But I wasn't going anywhere," he remembered.

"Clean wrestlers are a dime a dozen! There are thousands of them most people never heard of. They

*Colt grins at chanting crowd as he is declared the winner over top-ranked Nick Bockwinkle in a major upset at Atlanta, Ga. "The crowds really get teed-off every time my hand is raised," Buddy says with a chuckle. "It bugs 'em."*



"For six years I was what the announcers call a 'popular favorite.' I found out that despite my popularity I wasn't making any money. But I was taking a helluva lot of punishment because I wouldn't do anything against the rules..." Then came the great turnaround and the rules went out the window. Below: Colt punishes Bob Griffin with hammerlock, but what the referee didn't see, and what the picture doesn't show, is Buddy's knee digging into Griffin's back.



take the same lumps as I do. They get their bones broken just as often. And what do they have to show for it? Nothing! Except for a few like Sammartino and Funk most of them never make it. I was heading down that same road. Then one day I woke up. If I was going to get my ribs cracked and my arms broken then you better believe I was going to make it worth my while. Autographs don't buy groceries. You can't deposit cheers at the bank. I changed my style and I haven't regretted it for a minute."

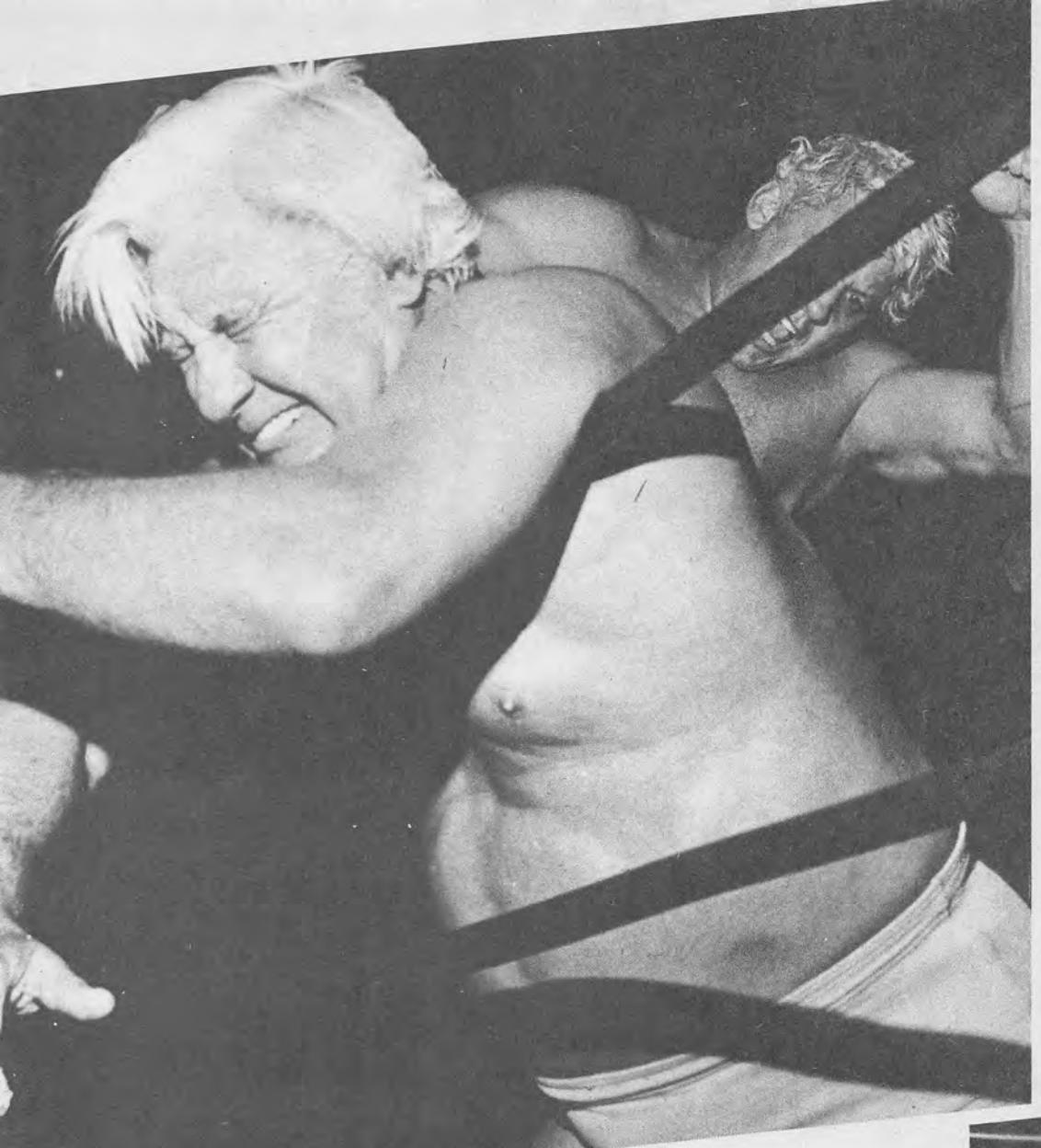
Buddy picked up a barbecued rib, gnawed on it, and continued...

"While those other guys are being cheered, patted on the back, signing autographs or being mobbed by girls, I keep very busy making trips to the bank and talking to my stock broker. Other times I sit in my lawn chair in front of my beautifully, very expensive, Spanish-style home or I lie around my swimming pool. Sometimes I just climb into one of my beautiful automobiles and take a ride to the mountains or the beach. Nobody bothers me for autographs.

"For six years I was what the announcers call a 'popular favorite.' I found out that despite my popularity I wasn't making any money. But I was taking a hell of a lot of

punishment in the ring because I wouldn't do anything against the rules. Let's face it — some nights I was getting the hell kicked out of me. And for what? Finally I got smart. If I have to walk around with scars and stitches and broken bones I'd better be getting paid for it. I don't regret having made the change. Let the other guys sign the autographs."

There's no doubt that the change in attitude has paid off for Buddy Colt. He has wrestled all over the United States, winning various state and area championships. In Japan he won the Far East crown and found success in Australia and England, too. And since he became a villain he's always been a main event wrest-



Left: Colt brutalizes Fred Blassie with kicks into the back. Below: Buddy stands on ropes daring his foe to come into range. "Take a couple more steps," Colt growled. "Come on, I dare you to come closer!"



ler. When you're a main event wrestler it means one thing — money. Big money!

"At first," Colt said, "it used to bother me when all the so-called armchair experts got on my back for turning villain. They sit back on their rear ends watching TV or in the audience and they've always got a comment. If any of those pencil-necked geeks or punks ever had enough guts to get into the ring they'd get clobbered. One body slam and they'd never shoot off their big mouths again. But all that doesn't bother me any more.

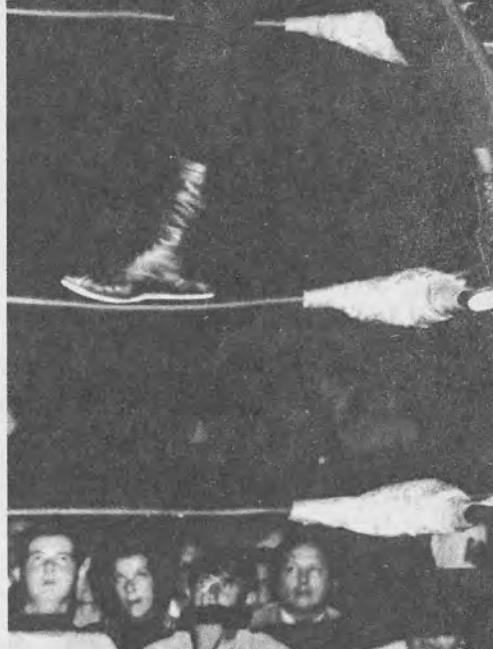
"Now when I stand there in the middle of the ring with my hand raised and all these idiots are booing their lungs out, I just think about going back to my expensive home and maybe taking a dip in my pool.

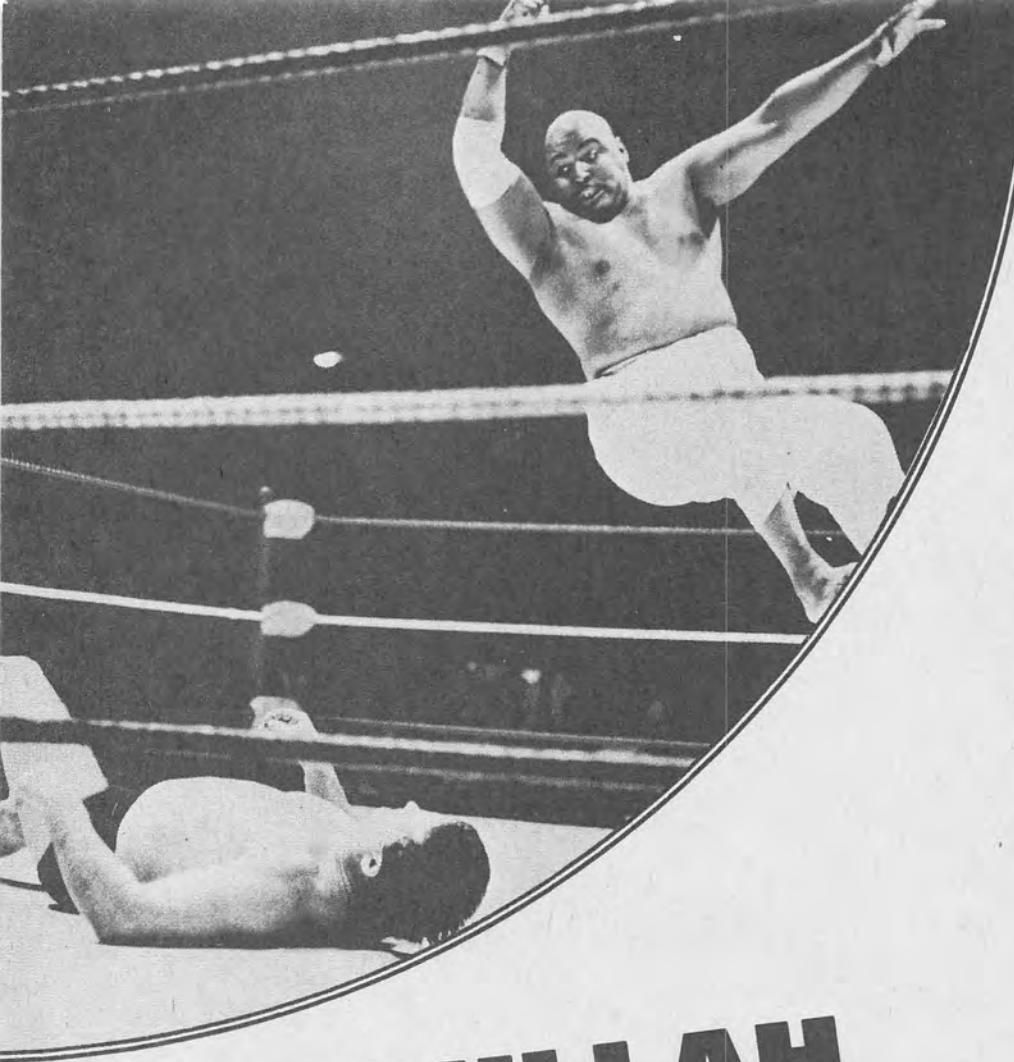
I'll relax and get some sun. Meanwhile, those *heroes* are selling shoes to make a few extra bucks. And all they can do is dream about the things I already have and the places I've already been to."

To prove his point, Buddy spoke about a wrestler who began his pro career at about the same time he did. He drew a comparison.

"I won't mention any names," Colt said, "because he's a nice guy and I wouldn't want to embarrass him. But we started out together in Tennessee and worked out in the gyms. He was one of those clean-living guys who was out to murder all the villains. At that time I felt the same way. We used to talk about teaming up and going after all the bad guys. Well, we both began traveling around the country, wrestling in preliminaries. Neither one of us was

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## **ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER**

Although Johnny Valentine introduced the elbow-crusher to wrestling, it was Abdullah who developed it into probably the most deadly of all ring weapons. Said one well known star who recently fell victim to both Valentine and Abdullah, "When Valentine slammed his elbow into my head the lights went out. Fast! Painless! But when Abdullah gave it to me, I got dizzy and blood started to pour down my face. He gave it to me again. More blood. Then once more and I was gone. Honest, I thought he was using a knife on me!"

**He  
Uses  
His  
Elbow  
Like a  
Knife!**



The four pictures (above and opposite page) illustrate how Abdullah changes his elbow into one of wrestling's deadliest weapons. Although he has been accused many times of concealing some kind of metal object under the bandage he always wears around his elbow, he sternly denies it, claiming he needs nothing but his own body to defeat any wrestler in the world. Right: Covered with blood, Abdullah rises after pinning recent victim.

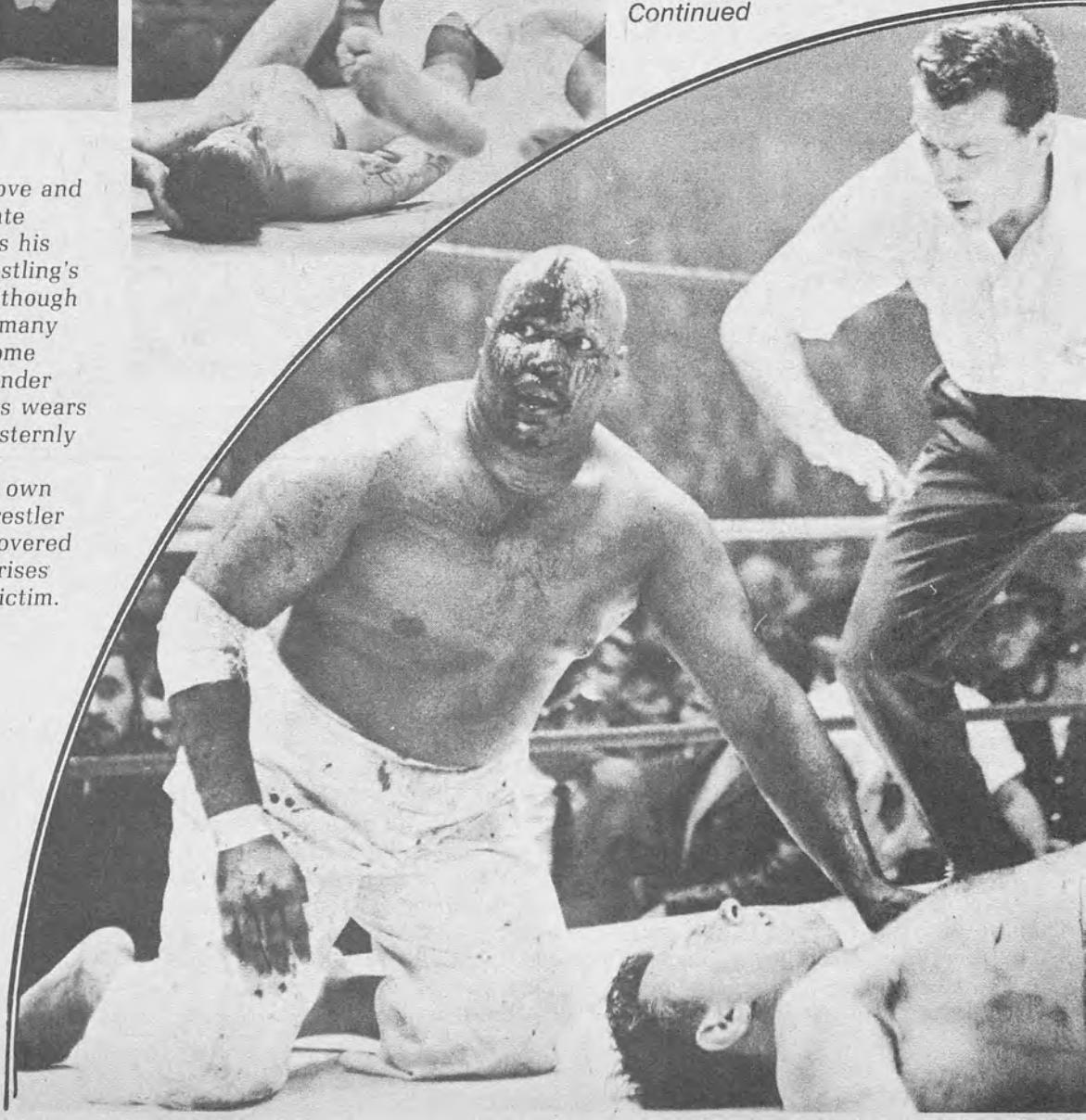


BOB NANDOR FELT the rough canvas underneath his back. He was physically exhausted. He could hardly move. But he knew the terror that zoomed through the air was aimed at his face! No time to move. He could only hope the blackness would set in before the pain.

Meanwhile, the object of Nandor's terror was sailing through the air. Elbow pointed at a grotesque angle, Abdullah the Butcher was about to carve up another victim.

The splat of the Butcher's elbow against Nandor's face made ringsiders turn away in horror. A bloody gash appeared on Nandor's face.

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Quickly, the 300-pound guided missile got up. He put his hand on his bandage-covered elbow and walked away. The torture, for this night at least, was over.

Abdullah's elbow—the elbow that cuts like a knife—had done its work well. And once again, the mystery of whether or not the Turkish madman keeps anything under his protective bandage remained unsolved.

Wrestlers have claimed that the sadistic Abdullah keeps a sharp object concealed beneath that bandage. Why else, they claim, would it cut through an opponent's skin like a scalpel? But Abdullah has never been caught with it. And he explodes into a frenzy of broken English every time the subject is brought up.

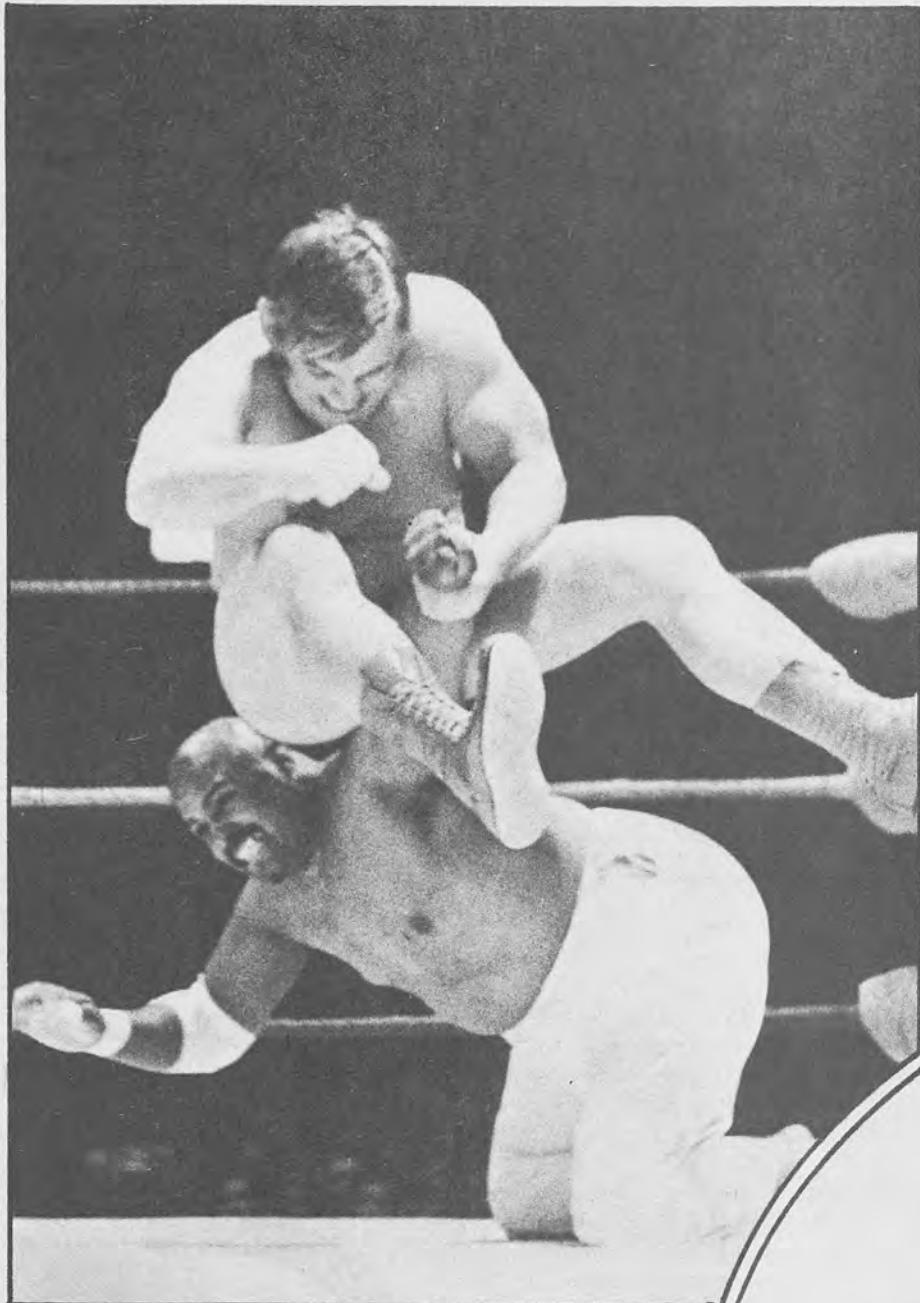
"They are all a bunch of crybabies," he exclaimed when he finally calmed down enough to be understood. "I do not complain when they use my head for a soccer ball. I do not cry to the referee each time blood gushes from my head like a fountain. I am a professional wrestler. I am proud of it. I live with pain and accept it. Why can't they?"

"Many people say my flying elbow should be outlawed. Okay. Then let's outlaw the dropkick, the spinning toehold, the backbreaker, the body slam. Let's outlaw wrestling altogether!"

"This is a man's sport. It is a rough sport. Let those crybabies who can't take punishment take up bowling or golf!"

But what about your elbow bandage? What's underneath it?

"I do not hide anything. I do not have a need to hide anything. I wear the bandage for protection. Without the padding to protect me, I would injure my elbow when I come flying down on my opponent. Don't boxers have their hands taped before they put on gloves? They are protecting their hands, their livelihood. I am protecting my elbow. It is my living."



Fast, clever opponents like Ed Carpentier give the Turk the most trouble. Here Carpentier tries to break Abdullah's arm after he was hit with an elbow.

Abdullah's controversial elbow-crusher is not new to wrestling. Johnny Valentine introduced it. But it was Abdullah who developed it into probably the most lethal of all ring weapons.

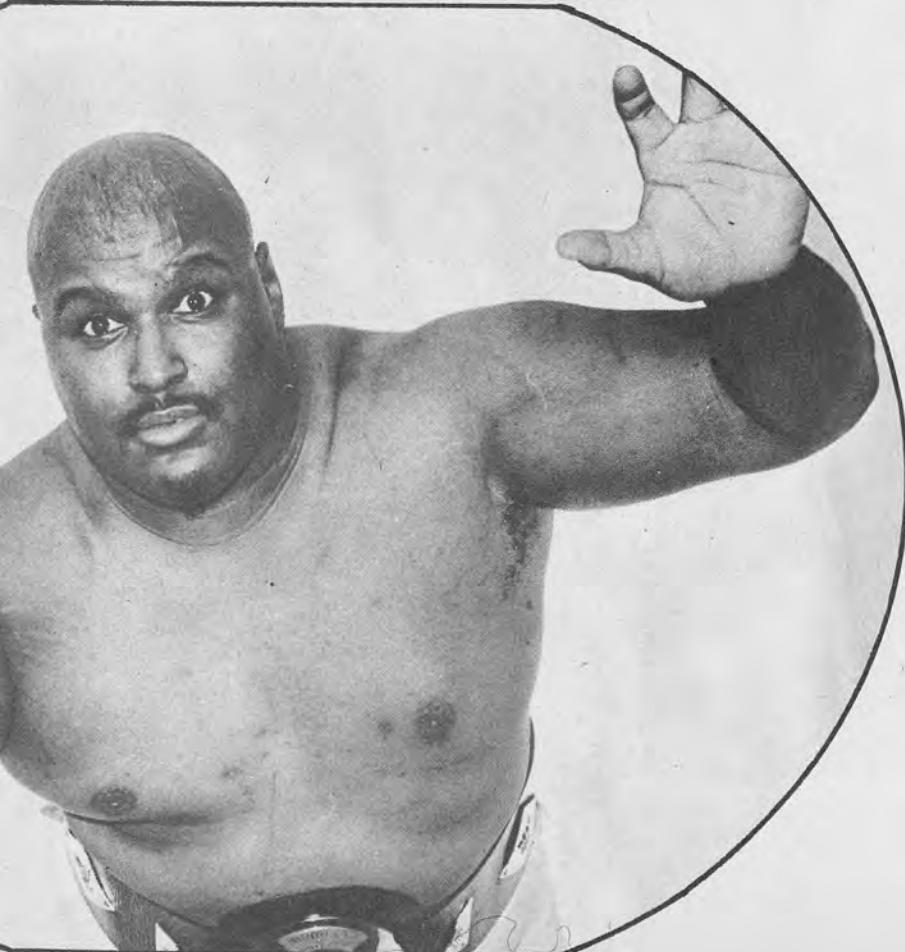
It is somewhat like a flying dropkick. But instead of smashing into his opponent with both feet, Abdullah The Butcher soars through the air and comes crashing down with his right elbow. The force of the slashing elbow has cracked ribs. It could even kill if directed at a vulnerable part of the body.

One well-known star, who asked





Abdullah's former manager, Eddie Creachman, poses proudly with the ferocious Turk after Abdullah won a regional championship in Canada. Abdullah's one apparent weakness is that he cuts easily around the face, as this picture shows. He began to bleed before the match was three-minutes old. Below: After much pleading, Abdullah agreed to pose for this portrait in our photo studio.



not to be identified, has lost to both Valentine and Abdullah. He admitted: "When Valentine slammed his elbow into my head the lights went out. Fast! Painless!

"But when Abdullah gave it to me, I got dizzy and blood started to pour down my face. He gave it to me again! More blood. Then once more and I was gone. Honest, I thought he was using a knife on me!"

One of Abdullah's victims, Jacques Rougeau, admits, "That big Turk is as tough as they come. I don't think he's afraid of anything. But he has more than an elbow-crusher. That's his knockout punch. He uses that only after he's worn down an opponent. He's strong as a bear and just as ruthless. He bounced me around the ring until I was exhausted. Then he took off like a high diver and came crashing down with that elbow pointed at my chest. I tried with all my strength to roll out of the way, but I couldn't make it. That's the last thing I can remember."

There is a man, however, who can't wait to meet Abdullah The Butcher—Johnny Valentine.

"I've challenged that oversized ape a dozen times," says Big John.

"I've sent him letters and telegrams. I even sent him a box of candy for Valentine's Day with a little card attached... 'Choke on these Abdullah'.

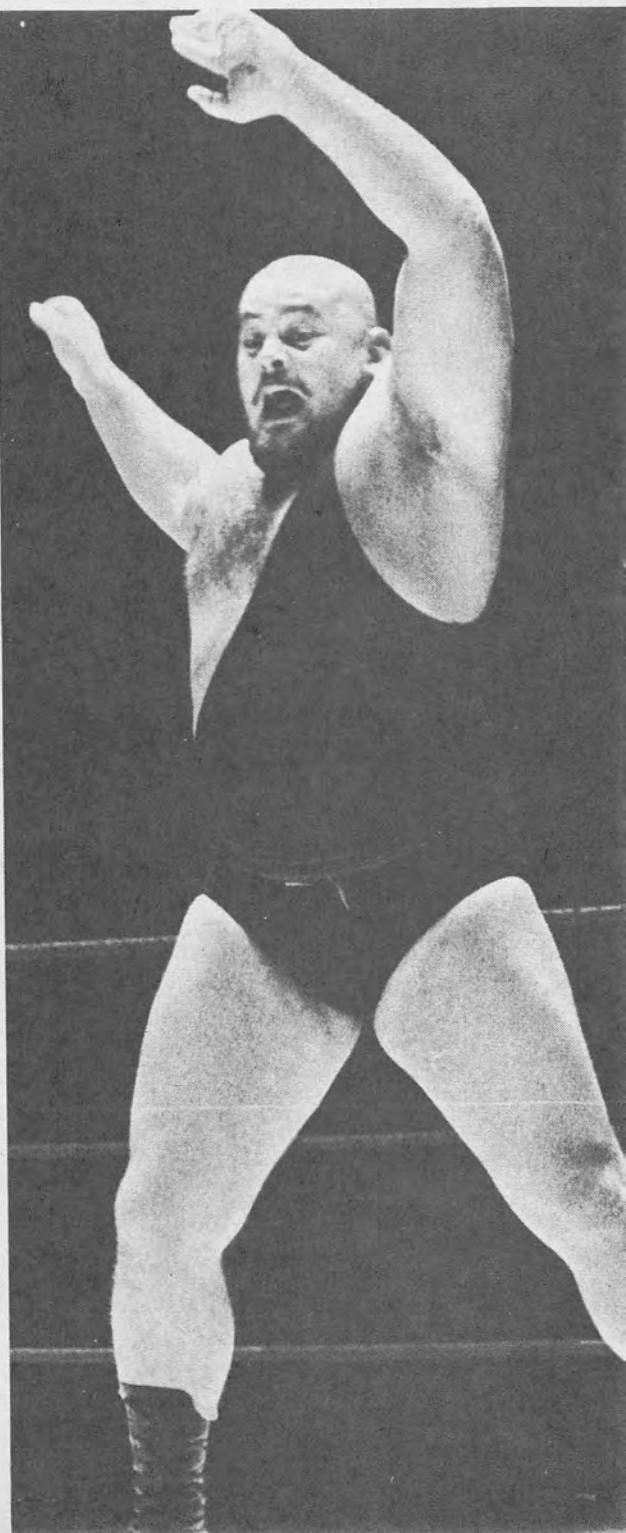
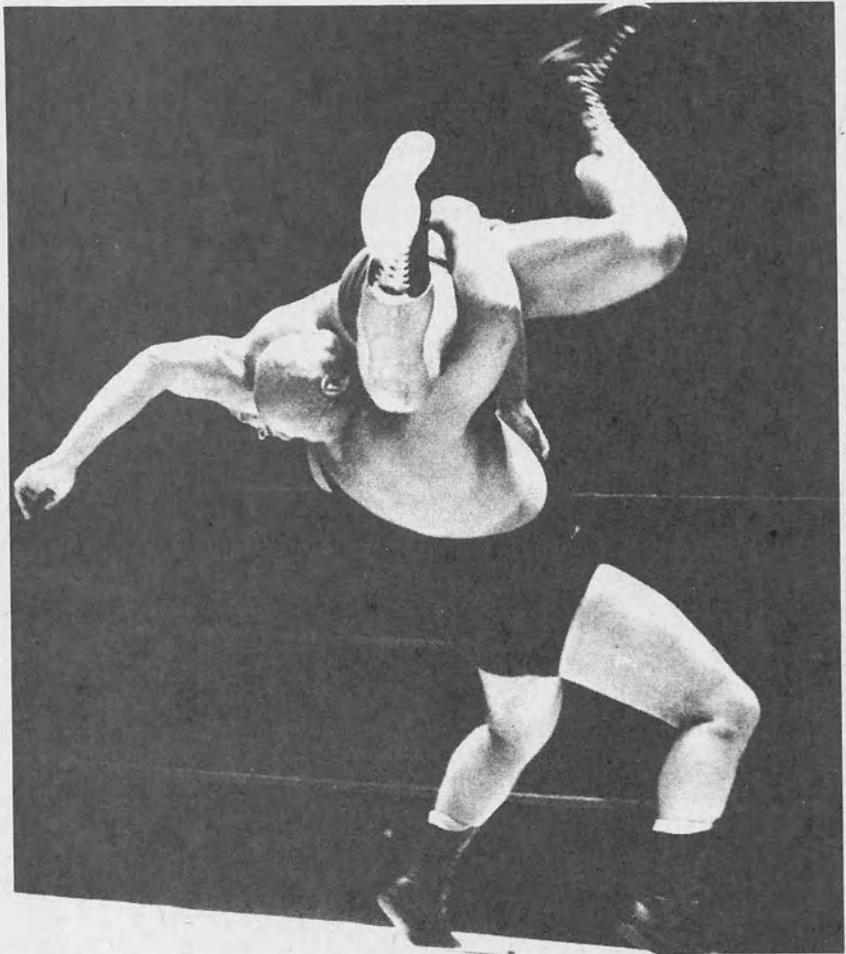
"You know what? I think he's too scared to match elbows with me. No wrestling, just flying elbows. We'll start out standing on our feet, each taking turns throwing elbows. All I need is one shot and he's gone!"

"If he wants, I'll even lay down and wait for him to come at me. I'll give him first crack. What more can a guy do? He can't keep running away from me forever," moaned Valentine.

The terrible Turk, however, says he's not running away from Valentine's challenge. He just isn't interested, that's all.

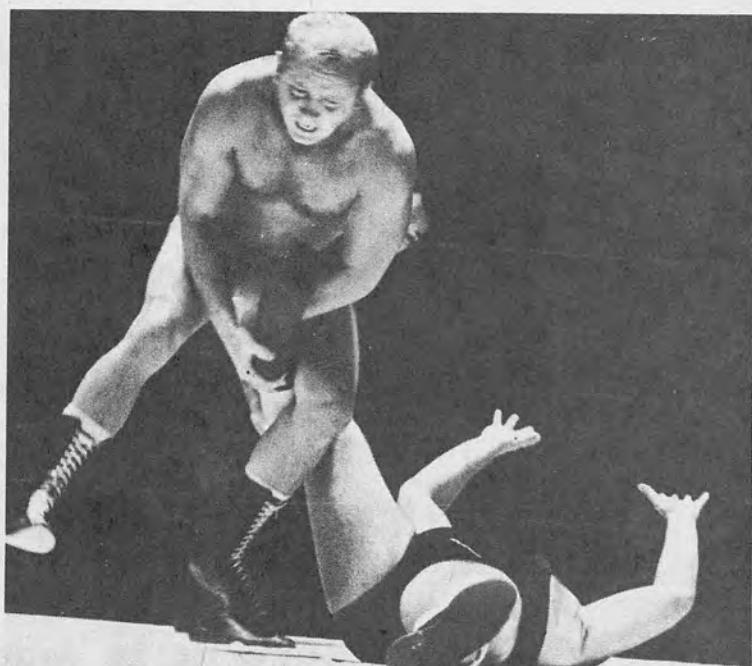
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# WHAT? YOU DIDN'T DEFENDED HIS TITLE



Above: After Funk came bouncing off the ropes to gain impact for a body block, Koloff caught Dory in a crotch hold, but when Funk shifted his weight, Ivan lost his balance and crashed to the mat. Right: Looking more like a dancer than a wrestler, Koloff spins away from the champion.

# KNOW DORY FUNK AGAINST KOLOFF?



When the bout was little more than five minutes old, Dory caught Koloff in his famous spinning leglock. Ivan squirmed for a few moments and then, with a burst of unbelievable power, kicked himself free. Funk would later say, "The guy amazed me. I knew he was strong, but this was incredible!"

DORY FUNK JR. sat quietly in the small dressing room. Beads of sweat poured down his face as he sipped from a glass of orange juice.

The National Wrestling Alliance heavyweight champion had just finished a brisk workout in the gym in preparation for another title defense — his 115th since he won the crown.

"I must have lost five pounds in that workout," he said. "It took me a lifetime to become champion—but it can take only three seconds for me to become the ex-champion. When you're champ, everybody wants a shot at you. And a true champion owes it to his public and to him-

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# **TOPLESS IN THE MUD**

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## **The World's Dirtiest Wrestlers**

**They don't allow it in most countries, but in Germany it has been a booming business for years and years**

**W**RESTLING IN THE United States has become pretty raunchy.

Fans in Texas have seen such things as "Chain Matches" and "Mixed Matches," while those in California view such unbelievable occurrences as "22-man tag team matches" and "Sicilian Death matches." In the midwest and parts of the east "Cage Matches" are all the rage.

At best, they're all tame stuff!

Because in Hamburg, Germany, night clubs are featuring "Girl Mud Matches." And once you've seen one of them, what goes on in U.S. rings looks like a quilting

party by comparison.

Of course, when our reporter called from Germany during his vacation, we suspected he was either drunk or out of his mind. But when he sent us these photos to back up his story we knew he had stumbled onto one of the weirdest wrestling tales of all time.

The matches, always involving women, aren't even held in rings. They're held in night clubs catering to the tourist trade—and a windowside seat is as prized a possession as a pair of Super Bowl tickets.

The "ring" is glass enclosed on





The mud is ankle-deep and water is constantly added to give it exactly the right gooey consistency. The girls, who come in all sizes and shapes, seem to enjoy splashing around, but one newcomer admitted, "The thing I can't stand is when mud gets underneath my panties." Top right: To keep from being splattered, ringsider covers himself with a tablecloth.

two sides with drapes providing the backdrop. Instead of canvas, the floor consists of black ankle-deep mud which, since it is surrounded by concrete, is actually a pit. The women wrestle inside the mud pit and are not allowed on the concrete. Oh yes. There's something else: from the waist up—the ladies are totally nude!

After all the patrons are comfortably seated and the first round of drinks is served, the lights dim and the evening's contestants parade down the aisles wearing only trunks and Hawaiian leis around their necks. Unlike other European cities, in which models or



students are sometimes used, these gals are all professional wrestlers—and as can be easily seen—they come in all sizes and certainly in all shapes.

Each match is one fall with a 15-minute time limit. And although some of the ladies are quite heavy, the weight advantage is neutralized by the mud. The smaller, thinner girls seem to move around better, while the heavier girls seem to have problems holding their balance.

The first match featured a slim, pretty girl named Francine against a fat, heavy villain-type named, believe-it-or-not, Helga the Hor-



Before getting down to the real business of the night, the girls parade through the nightclub as warm spotlights play on their semi-nude bodies. Left: A push and the girl gets mud bath!

rible.

When it comes to style and science the mud wrestlers don't even come close to our American gals. But what they lack in finesse they make up for in energy.

As they donned bathing caps to protect their hair, Helga, who looks like one of those Russian tractor drivers, grabbed Francine from behind and slammed her into the mud with a body slam. Attempting to press her advantage, she went for the flying body press. Need we say what happened?

The quicker Francine rolled away and Helga—all 240 pounds of her—landed, er... chest first in the mud. Helga's splash sent mud flying all over the place and those in the seats closest were forced to hold up napkins to prevent being splattered.

But even the few who did get mud on them didn't mind. This was too good to miss.



Some of the "girls" are as much as 50 years old, while others are in their teens. When the matches are made, no consideration is given to weight—the matchmaker simply points his finger and says, "You'll wrestle her tonight." And while the matches are going on, food and drinks are served to the customers. Most of the customers have learned how to eat and watch at the same time. The wrestlers are paid about \$50 for a night's work.

Francine immediately went down after Helga and the two rolled around in the gooey mess trying to clamp holds on each other—a not-too-easy accomplishment when your opponent is covered with mud.

Helga, who could give some of our U.S. villains a few lessons, stunned the audience by throwing mud in Francine's eyes. But the little heroine quickly got even by sticking mud inside Helga's trunks—an extremely irritating experience, so we are told.

Finally, after about 12 minutes of grappling, Helga the Terrible finished Francine off with a perfect backdrop which sent the smaller girl smashing into the mud. She then applied the German version of what seemed to be a *Boston Crab* hold and it was

all over. Muddy but unbowed, Helga raised her arm in victory. There are no referees.

The rest of the evening's matches went pretty much the same way. Occasionally, a patron who had too much to drink, would try to join in the mudbath. But the bouncers usually managed to intercept such hopefuls before they could reach the pit.

If the entire thing sounds weird to you—we agree. But if you're ever in the St. Pauli district of Hamburg, drop in and see the lady mud wrestlers. If you enjoy the show, our reporter noted, it is perfectly all right to raise your glasses and toast the wrestlers.

The favorite toast?

Our man suggested, "Here's mud in your eye."

Ugh!

## THE FUNKS VS. THE BRISCOS

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—threatens to escalate into a massive bloodbath. And the fans of these two popular wrestling families are caught in the middle. For no villain has ever attracted the outright hatred of these two popular families as much as they have for each other.

We tried to find out why the Funks and the Briscos, who had once been such good friends, declared all out war on each other. We even agreed to serve as mediator by having them all come to lunch as our guests. But the situation in this tragic battle has gotten so far out of hand that both families refused to join us if the other were present.

We did the next best thing. After a breakfast meeting with the Brisco clan we would hear the Funks' side of it at lunch. And after both meetings it appeared that the facts have become so distorted that the hatred built up may never be erased.

Jack and Jerry Brisco were almost finished with their steak and potatoes when we entered the restaurant.

"You didn't bring those stinking Funks with you I hope," said Jerry as we sat down. "It's bad enough we have to talk about them so early in the morning. We'll probably get indigestion. I know what you're here to find out, so I'll tell you."

"Jack beat Dory Jr. in Tampa, Florida, a few months ago. Man it was some sight. Dory kept saying that it wasn't any big deal because it was a non-title match. But the Florida State Athletic Commission didn't laugh it off so lightly. They told Dory he'd have to meet Jack in a title bout within three weeks. It was at that match when the real character of the Funks came out."

Jerry stopped to chew on some steak and Jack took over.

"The match went on as scheduled three weeks later although Dory tried to get out of it. We had split one fall apiece and it was a good, clean match that the fans were really enjoying. There were none of those dirty tricks some of the wrestlers use. But all that ended during the third fall. That's when Dory started to wrestle dirty."

"He began kicking and punching and I know why. He was trying to get himself disqualified so he wouldn't lose his title. At one point we came off the ropes and smacked into each other. I saw him collapse and a split

Dory, Jr. looked like he had Jack Brisco licked when he caught him with this flawless sleeper hold. Actually, Jack was on the verge of blacking out when, with one last desperate burst of strength, he broke free. The crowd gave Brisco a standing ovation for his brilliant work. Jack would later thank the fans and say, "I was just lucky, I guess . . ."



second later I blacked out."

Jerry picked up the story.

"As soon as I realized what happened I had the urge to jump in because I was worried that both of them—especially Jack—were seriously hurt. But I knew that if I did he would be disqualified for outside interference and that's the last thing Jack wanted. It was just as well I didn't. A few seconds later the curfew bell rang and the match was declared a draw. I ran into the ring to help Jack and as I was helping him out of the ring something smashed into my back!"

"At first I thought somebody had just thrown something into the ring. But then it happened again and I went down. When I looked up there was Dory Sr. standing there, kicking away. Jack grabbed him and pulled him away from me, but then Dory started to belt Jack. To make things worse, Dory Jr. got up and ran in to help his old man. Naturally, that chicken, Terry Funk, had to put his two cents in also. We all slugged away for 10 minutes until the police finally broke it up. And do you know what Dory Sr. told the promoters when they asked him why he started kicking me? He said it was because I ran into the ring to get my licks at Dory Jr.! Can you imagine that? My brother is lying there 20 feet away from Junior and he has the nerve to



Jack (nearest camera) in test of strength with the champion. They wrestled twice in Charlotte, N.C., first to a draw, then Funk was very lucky to retain his crown.

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### THE KALAMAZOO WRESTLING SCENE

By David Hoger

Bobo Brazil and Haystack Calhoun were lucky to come out alive after their match with Mitsu Arakawa and Yoshino Sato. As soon as the bout started, Arakawa grabbed Calhoun's chain and smashed it into Brazil's stomach. While this was going on, Sato worked Calhoun into a corner and began strangling him with a rope he had hidden in his trunks. Unable to control Sato, the referee stopped the match and awarded it to Brazil and Calhoun.

But the action didn't stop there. After Haystack worked himself away from Sato, he went after Arakawa, who was still dishing it out to Brazil. But as soon as Haystack approached the cagey Arakawa he was slammed over the head with his own chain. Arakawa slammed the chain into Calhoun's head again and again until the country boy was covered with blood. While this was going on, the referee was helping Brazil back to his feet as Sato



Bobo Brazil (above) who, with his partner Haystack Calhoun, were lucky to survive.

joined Arakawa in demolishing Calhoun. Brazil quickly regained his cool and ran to Haystack's aid with a series of coco butts. The Japanese team fled from the ring with Bobo in hot pursuit.

In other matches: Lou Klein was stopped by Bull Ortega, Lucille Dupree overpowered Diane Baker, and Tex McKenzie made short work of Gerry Fulton.

## STEEL CITY WRESTLING By Michael Pochan

Bruno Sammartino got his long awaited revenge against hated rival, Ivan Koloff, just a few days after the Russian lost the W.W.W.F. Championship to Pedro Morales. This was one of the rare times we've seen Sammartino forget about the rule book. After 20 minutes of action, Koloff was thrown out of the ring. The giant Russian slammed his fist on the ring apron as he cursed Sammartino. Koloff reentered the ring with a chair, and when he tried to slam it into Bruno's face, the former champion ducked out of the way and Koloff fell flat on his face! Bruno picked up the chair and as Koloff was



Former champion Bruno Sammartino (above), although bloodied, finally got his sweet revenge.

getting up, Sammartino brought it down hard on Ivan's head. Blood started to pour from Koloff's head and the referee was forced to stop the match.

After the brawl, Koloff's manager, Lou Albano, insisted that "the stupid referee had no right stopping the match because of a slight cut on Ivan's head." He begged the promoters to give his man another chance. Albano was told to get Koloff into training, and that the return bout would be held in two weeks.

Albano trained Koloff every day, but it didn't help. In the final minutes of the rematch, Sammartino lifted Koloff up and threw him into the third row of spectators. Ivan was unable to return to the ring in time to beat the 20-count and Sammartino was again victorious.



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say a thing like that. Even the fans were booing the Funks when it was over."

"And that's not all that was peeving me," Jack continued. "I think it was Dory Sr.'s way of telling me to leave his precious little boy alone. Since that night Dory Jr. absolutely refuses to wrestle me again. His old man says I'll have to beat both him and Terry before I get another shot at Junior's title."

Just then the Funk family walked into the restaurant and Dory Sr. roared, "Don't believe a word they're telling you. They're a bunch of liars!"

The Funks were laughing hysterically while Jerry and Jack excused themselves and left by a different door.

"Sorry to break up your little party so early," Terry laughed, "but we just wanted to make sure you got the

right story."

The Funks ordered lunch and Dory Jr. began.

"I'll bet they told you that Jack Brisco would have to whip Terry and pop to get another match with me. Right?"

We nodded that it was true.

"Well just how many matches does he deserve?" Dory Jr. went on. "I must have wrestled him five or 10 times already. But he's a crybaby. After every match he yells that I fouled him or that he would have won if the time hadn't run out. This goes on every time. Finally I got sick of his moaning and complaining and told him that before he gets another match with me he'll have to get by the two best wrestlers in the country — my pop and my brother. Then I'll consider another bout with him."

We asked whether or not it was

true that Jack pinned Dory Jr. in less than 20 minutes a few weeks before. There was an uncomfortable silence for a while and finally Terry blurted out, "So what!"

"Dory had one bad night in his whole career and Brisco had a good one. If the match had been two out of three falls Dory would have come back and whipped him. And remember, the title was *not* at stake that night. The only reason the match went on was because Dory was supposed to wrestle somebody else but that guy came down with an injury. Rather than disappoint all our fans Dory agreed to wrestle anybody who would substitute. He also stipulated that because of the circumstances it would be a non-title bout. Brisco was the only guy available."

But what about the night three weeks later when the two families had that big free-for-all?

"The real story about that," Dory Sr. said, "was that Jack was out



These three pictures show more of the action in the now famous series of bouts between Jack Brisco and Dory Funk, Jr.—all with the title at stake. Left: Dory (dark trunks) and Jack size each other up after opening bell. Right: Funk punishes Brisco with a leglock. Below: Jack, by applying pressure to arm-lock and at the same time putting pressure against nerves near Funk's armpit, tries to paralyze Dory's arm. It didn't work.



cold on the mat and Jerry came in to help him. He pretended he was helping Jack to his feet until Dory's back was turned. Then he started to sneak up behind Dory so I ran in to protect my son. At that moment Jack got to his feet to help his brother. I called Terry in and the Briscos ran for the hills. But what I can't understand is why the fans booed us. If they should have booed anyone it should have been those Briscos!"

The Funks refused to say any more about it. Thanking us for lunch, they left, but not before Dory Sr. told his sons to hurry up.

"Maybe we can catch up with the Briscos right now and really give it to 'em!"



Lou Albano, who manages several of the top stars active on the East Coast, says that Pedro Morales will "Kill Dory Funk if they ever meet!"

time. It would be a great match but I think Dory Jr. would come out on top."

**BRUNO SAMMARTINO:** "I've seen Dory wrestle many times and I can't knock him but I feel Pedro is a superior wrestler. He's got the experience and the skill to defeat Funk."

**BULLDOG BROWER:** "Listen, I'm the *only* world champion! But if I had to pick a winner I guess I'd pick Morales. He's a better wrestler than Funk—but remember I'm better than both of them!"

**JACK BRISCO:** "I've seen Pedro wrestle many times and I've seen Dory wrestle a couple of hundred times. I couldn't pick a winner, but I'd sure like to be there to see that match!"

**LOU ALBANO:** "Well there's no doubt in my mind. As much as I dislike the man, Morales would kill Funk!"

When we asked tough Johnny Rodz if he'd like a shot at the heavyweight title, John snapped, "Sure. And what's more, I deserve it a helluva lot more than most of the guys who have been getting title shots. It's a damned shame!"

But as Rodz spoke, midget star Sky Low Low, who had been listening to Johnny sound off, poked a playful left jab into Rodz' stomach. Johnny couldn't help bursting into laughter. Then he chuckled, "By the way, before I get a shot at the heavyweight title, I should get a crack at the midget championship. It might be tougher for me to win that than the big one." □

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## WHAT? YOU DIDN'T KNOW DORY FUNK DEFENDED HIS TITLE AGAINST IVAN KOLOFF?

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*Left: Although Koloff was able to kick out of Dory's spinning leglock early in the match, Funk continued to try for the hold again and again. And each time he secured it, Ivan's legs became increasingly unsteady. This was the fourth time Ivan found himself caught in the painful hold, and when he finally managed to break loose, he could barely stand. Right: Funk heads for corner while holding his stomach in agony after Ivan punched him in groin.*

self to honor every legitimate challenge."

Dory couldn't believe it's been two years since he won the championship from Gene Kiniski in Tampa, Florida.

"I don't know where the time has gone," he said shaking his head. "When you're so busy the days seem to fly by. I keep telling myself to get away and relax for a week or two. But everytime I'm on the verge of going back to the ranch to be with my family, something comes up to stop me."

"I'll have plenty of time to relax when someone beats me," Dory said with a chuckle. "But I hope that doesn't happen for a long, long time."

In the meantime, Dory continues to take on all challengers. And there have been plenty of very tough ones.

As Dory put on his boots, he reflected about the past two years.

"People keep asking me who was my toughest opponent? Let's put it this way," he said. "They've all been tough. I haven't met a pushover yet, and I don't think I ever will. I'm like a pitcher facing a lineup of Willie Mays, Frank Howard, Hank Aaron,

Willie McCovey, Richie Allen, Harmon Killebrew, Johnny Bench, Carl Yastrzemski and Ernie Banks! They are a bunch of sluggers who can knock the ball out of the park. Anyone who steps into the ring with me is a home run hitter."

Dory reeled off a long list of challengers he has beaten since 1969.

When he got to Ivan Koloff, he stopped.

"Not many people know I wrestled Koloff," Dory chuckled as if revealing a secret for the first time. "And it isn't often—if ever—that I wrestle a man from the East Coast. Not that I don't want to, mind you. In fact, there's nothing I'd like better than to defend my title against fellows like Sammartino, Pedro Morales and the other big guys from around New York. But that's the political part of wrestling, and I make it a point never to get involved in politics."

"Getting back to Koloff," Dory continued, "I wrestled him in Toronto back in May 1969, soon after I won the title. I'll never forget him. What a powerhouse. What a wildman. Take it from me, anybody who gets into the ring with him is taking

his life in his hands. But taking my life in my hands three or four times a week is part of the price of being the heavyweight champion of the world."

Dory leaned back in his chair, sipped more orange juice and turned back the clock to that night in Toronto when he waited in his corner for the bell to start him on his way against the gigantic Ivan Koloff.

"I tried to set him up for my bulldoggin' hold," Dory recalled. "He just shoved out his chest, which look-



ed like a big tent, and I went bouncing off like a rubber ball. I tried again. The same thing happened.

"I knew I couldn't outmuscle him, so I didn't even try," Dory said. "I kept shooting for his legs because experience has taught me that powerhouses like Koloff aren't so powerful in their legs. It is their weakest point."

"I knocked him over a few times with flying tackles; caught him with body blocks after I bounced him off the ropes and, when I felt he had slowed down, I went for what to me is the big finisher—the spinning leglock."

The spinning leglock, the hold Dory learned from his famous father, proved Koloff's undoing, just as it has proved the undoing of hundreds of other Funk challengers all over the world.

"He came very close to breaking

loose," Dory recalled with a sigh, "but I managed to keep him on the floor while at the same time approaching maximum pressure. Nobody, no matter how big, strong or tough he is, can survive the spinning leglock when properly applied. And I had it perfectly applied on Koloff that night. He was through. He knew it. I knew it. The referee knew it. The crowd knew it. And I don't mind admitting I was never more relieved in my life. It was really a big win for me."



Right: Referee raises Funk's hand and declares him still champion. Dory later called it "A very big win for me."

Of course that wasn't the end of Ivan Koloff, as every wrestling fan knows. Far from it. Two years later, in the spring of 1971, the Russian giant was destined to spring one of the greatest upsets in sports history when he ended Bruno Sammartino's record championship reign in New York to annex the WWWF heavyweight crown.

"I wasn't surprised when I learned Koloff had beaten Sammartino," Dory Funk recalled. "In fact, I picked him to win when I first found out about the match. I figured all Koloff needed to lick Bruno were a couple of breaks. I guess he got them."

But Ivan didn't hold the belt very

long. In fact, his reign proved to be one of the shortest in history. A few weeks after he upset Sammartino, Koloff lost his title to Pedro Morales.

Did Koloff's loss to Pedro come as a surprise to Funk? "Yes it did," Dory admitted. "I made Koloff a big favorite in my book. Morales must be a greatly improved wrestler. The last time I remember seeing him was in Los Angeles in the winter of 1970. He was good, mind you. I'm not taking anything away from him. But I didn't think he had the power to beat Koloff."

How does Funk feel about giving Koloff another shot at his NWA crown?

"If he earns the chance it's his,"



Dory replied without a moment's hesitation. "That's the story of my life—getting into the ring with deserving guys. And I don't mind telling you it's the toughest job in the world. Why, after wrestling a gorilla like that Ivan Koloff, I should have a month to recover. But as champion I don't have that luxury."

And how does Ivan Koloff feel about the whole thing? Speaking through his interpreter, the gigantic Russian raged, "I want to wrestle Funk and Morales again—one right after the other. If I don't kill them both, I go home to Moscow!"

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# WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO MARLENE PARKER

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Marlene likes to relax by picking away at a guitar and singing country music. "It's so relaxing," she says.

The panel moderator described the *real* Marlene Parker.

"A few years ago," the moderator said, "Marlene Parker was one of the best woman wrestlers in the world. Although the smallest girl wrestler—4-foot-11, 125 pounds—Marlene was known for her spectacular flying tactics. A former ballet dancer, Marlene is now a happy housewife living in Chicago. And she is married to a former wrestler."

Then the three gals were questioned by the panelists. "Where were you born, Marlene Parker No. 1?" asked one of the panel members. The pretty redhead answered, "Elkhorn, Wisconsin." Then the moderator asked the two other women. They, too, said they were born in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

After a barrage of questions, the panelists tried to separate fact from fiction. It was time to vote for the *real* Marlene Parker. Did they pick the right one? We won't tell.

All we'll say is that letters started pouring into our office from wrestling fans who had seen the show and wanted to get in touch with Marlene. For a week after the program was aired, our phones didn't stop ringing. Marlene's fans hadn't forgotten the

little package of dynamite.

It took a few phone calls to find out where Marlene was really living. She was flattered when told of the many inquiries we had received and graciously consented to being interviewed.

"Gee, I'll be happy to talk to your reporters," she said. "Just send them over. I'm home most of the time."

Marlene was dressed in slacks and a blouse when she answered the door bell. "It's so very nice of you to come. Let's go to my den where we can talk," she said warmly.

She was no longer a redhead. The honey-blond hair flowed down to her shoulders. A few years ago she was a redhead and had worn her hair short and curled. She looks much more attractive now.

As a top-notch wrestler, Marlene weighed 125 pounds, but she was a little on the plump side. She still weighs about 125 pounds, but the plumpness is gone now. She's gorgeous.

Our reporter handed her the stack of letters. Marlene blushed as she opened a few envelopes and glanced at what was inside. One letter said "Please come back, wrestling needs you." Most of the other letters ran

along the same line. They all wanted Marlene back in the ring.

"I'll have to answer all these wonderful people," she said.

Then our reporter got down to business.

"We followed your career until about 1964 and then you suddenly dropped out of sight. Why?" he asked.

"I'd been wrestling professionally for about four years then," she said. "I loved every minute of it, but I became tired of the grueling schedule. I was wrestling about four nights a week and living out of a suitcase. I wanted more than that. I wanted to settle down and live a normal life. I wanted to be a woman."

Marlene Parker was 23-years-old when she quit wrestling to marry a wrestler—Zivko Kovacic—one of the hottest attractions around in the 1960s.

Why did she marry a wrestler?

"It's funny, she answered. "I had told myself that I'd never marry a wrestler. Many of the male wrestlers I had met were animals, guys with no feelings. But Zivko was different. Once I got to know him, and it didn't take long, I found out he was really a warm human being. He didn't speak much English then. He had come to the United States from Zagreb, Yugoslavia only a few years before we



In her spare time, Marlene works on the book she is writing about wrestling.



Marlene struggles to get an armlock on her husband. Notice the difference in size between the two. "He makes me feel even smaller," she chuckled.

met. I taught him English and he'd spend hours telling me about his childhood, about his farm back home, and what he wanted to do. He wanted more out of life than just wrestling. He wanted a wife, a family."

It didn't take them long to realize they were right for each other. They were married. Both retired from the ring, Marlene to become a housewife, Zivko went to work. With the money both of them had saved from wrestling, they bought a house and settled down.

Marlene manages to keep busy at home. She spends hours in her workshop. At present she is making a small, wooden covered wagon. She plays guitar, bowls and does a bit of reading.

During the summer, she plays on a local girls' softball team. She's quite a pitcher and hurled four no-hitters last year.

Oh yes, Marlene is also writing a book about her life as a wrestler. "I'll send you a free copy after it's published," she told our reporter.

Then Marlene escorted the reporter to the basement which resembled a gymnasium, complete with barbells, rowing machine, slant boards, etc.

The next question was obvious. "Do you and your husband plan to return to wrestling?"

Marlene smiled. She didn't really have to answer, but she did.

"Don't be surprised to see both of us back in the ring. After all, we're both still young. I think Zivko is much stronger than he ever was. He'll have no trouble getting back on top again. As for me, hell, I'm just a little girl who looked sexy in the ring. But mind you, I can still handle that big husband of mine!"

Our reporter wished Marlene and her husband the best of luck and fired one last question before leaving. "Did they guess who you were on that TV show?"

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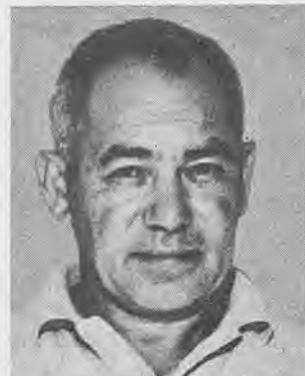
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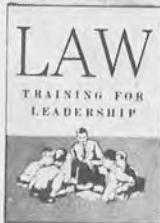
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champion of the world, Morales doesn't want anybody to get the idea he doesn't enjoy it.

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## ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER

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Popular Hungarian star Bob Nandor is about to feel the crushing impact of Abdullah's deadly elbow during savage match in Montreal. Nandor would say later, "He (Abdullah) is probably the most dangerous man I ever met."

"Sure I've gotten letters and telegrams from him. And the candy was delicious. He keeps asking for a match but he never mentions money. I don't wrestle for nothing. I love to eat and food costs money. I love to drink and drink costs money. He's the one who is so anxious to prove he's the better man. I know who's the better man. Let him put his money where his mouth is. He's all talk. When he talks money, and I don't mean peanuts, then I'll listen to the man."

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"To brace myself for the fall, I tried to get my hands in front of me, but I was too slow. Instead, I came down on my elbow. I was in agony and I lost the match. The elbow wasn't broken but it was badly bruised and it meant I wouldn't be wrestling for a couple of weeks."

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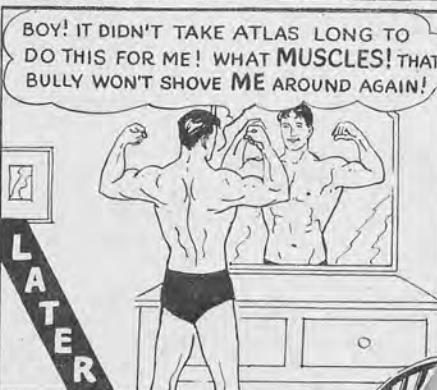
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## "CLEAN WRESTLERS ARE A DIME A DOZEN!"

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Colt, wearing the Georgia heavyweight championship belt, happily posed for this special portrait.



getting anywhere, so I decided to change my image. This guy never would. He said he couldn't be happy as a villain. So to this day he's a 'good guy' and he doesn't have half of what I have. Occasionally he wrestles in a main event but mostly he stays in prelims. Sure the fans love him. But I feel sorry for him. I'm making all this money and this guy is still struggling. I bet if I invited him to Atlanta to visit me for a week he'd change his image, too."

Buddy laughed as he remembered the night he decided to change his image. He was wrestling Nikita Mulkovich.

"He used every trick in the book on me," Colt remembered. "He kicked, he gouged, he kneed me and pulled my hair. But this time I gave him back everything he gave me — and double! He was the most surprised guy in the place. For six months he refused to talk to me because he thought I had double-crossed him. Then, when we later appeared on the same cards, he

Colt (left) and popular  
Billy Spears watch action  
in Atlanta ring from just  
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saw how tough I was. Finally he came over to me and said, 'welcome to the club.' We've been friends ever since."

Even Mulkovich, who had just joined Colt in the restaurant, had to laugh about that bout.

"I was so angry I wanted to tear his ears off," Nikita said. "If a man is a dirty wrestler — fine. That's what he is. If he's a clean wrestler — that's also fine. But when a man with his reputation (nodding towards Colt) turns around and steals MY stuff — well I can't tell you how mad I was. Finally, when I was sure that Buddy didn't do it just to embarrass me, I even gave him a few tips," Nikita quipped.

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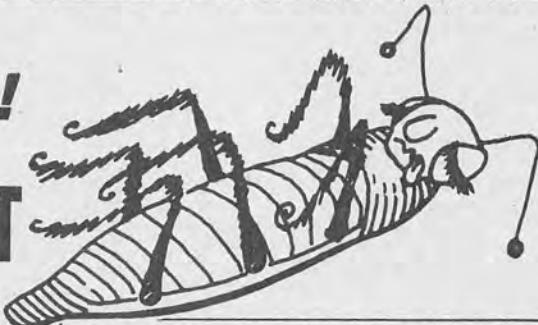
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Sales Management

**BUSINESS:  
SUPERVISION**  
Advanced Management  
Basic Management  
Industrial Foremanship  
Industrial Supervision  
Management, Salesmanship  
and Sales  
Modern Woman as a  
Supervisor  
Personality Development  
Personnel-Labor Relations  
(U.S.A.)  
Supervision

**CHEMICAL**  
Chemical Analyst  
Chemical Engineering  
Chemical Laboratory  
Techn.  
Chemical Process Equip.  
Design & Operation  
Chemical Process Operator  
Elements of Nuclear Energy  
General Chemistry  
Instrumental Laboratory  
Analysis

**CIVIL ENGINEERING**  
Civil Engineering  
Construction Eng'r'g Tech.  
Highway Engineering Tech.  
Principles of Surveying  
Reading Highway Bl'pr's  
Reading Structural Bl'pr's  
Sanitary Engineering Tech.  
Sewage Plant Operator  
Structural Eng'r'g Tech.  
Surveying and Mapping  
Water Works Operator

**COMPUTERS**  
Fundamentals of Computer  
Programming  
COBOL Programming  
Fortran Programming for  
Engineers  
Programming for Digital  
Computers  
Programming the IBM  
1401 Computer  
Programming the IBM  
System/360 Computer,  
Introduction

**DRAFTING**  
Aircraft Drafting  
Architectural Drafting  
Design Drafting  
Drafting Technology  
Electrical Drafting  
Electronic Drafting  
Introductory Mech. Drafting  
Mechanical Drafting  
Pressure-Vessel and Tank  
Print Reading

Sheet Metal Layout for  
Air Conditioning  
Structural Drafting.

**ELECTRICAL**  
Electrical Engineering  
—Electronics Option  
—Power Option  
Electrical Appliance Ser.,  
Electrical Appliance Ser.,  
with Equipment Training  
Electrical Contractor  
Electrical Engineering Tech.  
Electrical Home Maint.  
Electrical Home Maint.  
with Equipment Training  
Electrical Instrument Tech.  
Electric Motor Repairman  
Industrial Electrical Tech.  
Industrial Electrician  
Industrial Maintenance  
Electrician  
Power-Line Design  
and Construction  
Power Plant Operator  
—Hydro Option  
—Steam Option  
Practical Electrician  
Practical Electrician with  
Equipment Training  
Practical Lineman  
Reading Elec. Blueprints

**ENGLISH AND WRITING**  
Better Business Writing  
English for Spanish (U.S.A.)  
Free Lance Writing for  
Fun and Profit  
Introductory Tech. Writing  
Modern Letter Writing  
Practical English  
Reading Improvement  
Short Story Writing

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
High School Business  
High School (Canadian)  
High School General  
High School Mathematics  
High School Secretarial  
High School Vocational  
High School College  
Preparatory—Arts  
High School College Prep.—  
Engineering and Science  
Preparatory Course for High  
School Equivalency Test

**MACHINE SHOP  
PRACTICE**  
Grinder Operator  
Industrial Metallurgy  
Lathe Operator  
Machine Shop Inspection  
Machine Shop Practice

Metallurgical Eng'r'g Tech.  
Multicraft Maintenance  
Mechanic

Practical Millwrighting  
Reading Shop Prints  
Rigging  
Tool & Die Making  
Tool Engineering Tech.  
Welding Engineering Tech.  
Welding Process

**MATHEMATICS**  
Advanced Mathematics  
Math and Mechanics for  
Engineering Technicians  
Math and Physics for  
Engineering Technicians  
Modern Elementary  
Statistics

**MECHANICAL**  
Mechanical Engineering  
Aircraft and Power  
Plant Mechanic  
Hydraulic and Pneumatic  
Power  
Industrial Engineering  
Industrial Eng'r'g Tech.  
Industrial Instrumentation  
Machine Design  
Quality Control  
Safety Engineering Tech.  
Tool Design  
Vibration Analysis  
and Control

**PETROLEUM**  
Natural Gas Production  
and Transmission  
Oil Well Servicing  
Petroleum Production  
Operator  
Petroleum Production  
Engineering Technology  
Petroleum Refinery Oper.

**PLASTICS**  
Plastics Technician

**PLUMBING, HEATING  
AND AIR CONDITIONING**  
Air Conditioning  
Air Conditioning Maint.  
Domestic Heating with  
Gas and Oil  
Heating  
Heating & Air Conditioning  
with Drawing  
Industrial Air Conditioning  
Pipe Fitting Plumbing  
Plumbing and Heating Est.  
Practical Plumbing  
Refrigeration and Air  
Conditioning Servicing

**PULP AND PAPER**  
Paper Machine Operator  
Paper Making Pulp Making  
Pulp & Paper Eng'r'g Tech.

**SECRETARIAL**  
Clerk-Typist Commercial  
Secretary, Engineering  
Sec'y, Legal Sec'y, Medical  
Secretary, Professional  
Shorthand Stenographic  
Typewriting

**STEAM AND  
DIESEL POWER**  
Boiler Inspector  
Industrial Building Eng'r  
Power Plant Engineering  
Stationary Diesel Engines  
Stationary Fireman  
Stationary Steam Eng'r'g

**TEXTILES**  
Carding and Spinning  
Dyeing and Finishing  
Loom Fixing  
Textile Designing  
Textile Mill Superintendent  
Textile Mill Supervision

**TRAFFIC**  
Motor Traffic Management  
Traffic Management

**TV-RADIO-ELECTRONICS**  
Cable TV Installer  
Electronics Technician  
Fundamentals of Electronic  
Computers  
General Electronics  
General Electronics with  
Equipment Training  
Hi-Fi Stereo and Sound  
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